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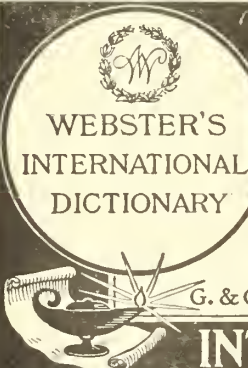
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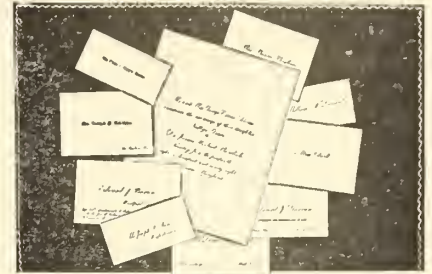
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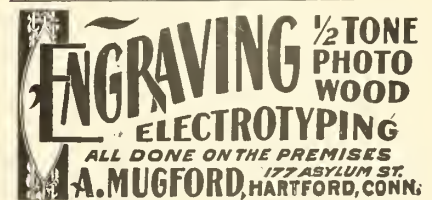
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THY LOVING-KINDNESS.

Not always the path is easy;
There are thickets hung with gloom,
There are rough and stony places,
Where never the roses bloom.
But oft when the way is hardest,
I am conscious of One at my side,
Whose hands and whose feet are
wounded,
And I'm happy and safe with my
Guide.

Better than friends and kindred,
Better than love and rest,
Dearer than hope and triumph,
Is the name I wear on my breast.
I feel my way through the shadows,
With a confident heart and brave,
I shall live in the light beyond them,
I shall conquer death and the grave.

Often when tried and tempted,
Often, ashamed of sin,
That, strong as an armed invader,
Has made wreck of the peace within,
That wonderful loving-kindness,
Patient and full and free,
Has stooped for my consolation,
Has brought a blessing to me.

Therefore my lips shall praise thee,
Therefore, let come what may,
To the height of a solemn gladness
My song shall arise to-day.
Not on the drooping willow
Shall I hang my harp in the land,
When the Lord himself has cheered me,
By the touch of his pierced hand.
—Margaret E. Sangster.

At Dartmouth College there are two hundred scholarships, worth on the average \$50 each. Not one of these is granted to any student, under any circumstances, unless he is a total abstainer from the use of drink as a beverage. Such a condition is a grand encouragement to young men to avoid a rock on which many have come to grief.

THE SPIRIT IN THE WHEELS.

BY REV. W. W. BRECKENRIDGE.

This is an age of wheels. That we have trains of cars running a mile a minute and ships crossing the Atlantic in five or six days, and factories running full time in every city and town, is more to us than anything else. We look back with pity and a touch of scorn to those generations which seemed satisfied to reap their harvests with a single blade and traversed the seas by the force of the wind, and the land by coach and horse.

It is perhaps not wonderful that our popular philosophy should be based upon our happy circumstances and prosperous material civilization, for have we not wheels in infinite number, and wheels within wheels turning in ceaseless revolutions, and bringing forth the fabric of the nation's wealth?

Still I think it worth while to indulge a sober moment and enquire whether there may not be danger lest the spirit depart from the wheels and leave us but the forms of life.

Ruskin tells us of the old Scythian custom, how, when the head of a house died, they dressed him up in his finest clothes, set him in his chariot and carried him about to all his friends' houses, and placing him at the tables' head, feasted in his presence. May not that be a very true picture of what society becomes, when, with all the multiplicity of modern industry, the purpose of it is forgotten? Looking into history, we see how the great and memorable deeds were performed, and the best literature produced, when there was little which the world now counts valuable in material wealth and comfort. Afterwards there came in a period when the machinery of life was developed and gave the spirit form and direction, and then, too often, there also came a time when this machinery

became an end in itself and men forgot why it was created. The beginning of New England represented a low state of material development; there was little machinery. Men hammered out their nails and horse shoes and plow-shares in the little blacksmith shop at the corner of the road; clothing was made in the homes; the farm produced what the people needed to eat and traffic in a comparatively small affair. But there was in that early time, a moral earnestness and devotion to the higher things of life which sometimes seems impossible today. Doubtless the vast store of new inventions has given point and directions to our work, certainly they have given it speed, and made the conditions of life a little less hard. But have they helped us to greater mental vigor, and moral earnestness and devotion to truth and the welfare of one another?

There is no sadder history in all the record of humanity than the history of labor-saving machinery. It promised such unparalleled benefits, men thought that they would now be free from the dreary round of daily toil. But the actual result has too often been only to make it possible for one man to become a millionaire in a day, while the task of the workman is often less attractive than before. We have produced this giant of modern industry, that it might aid in our necessary work, and bring into our lives more of ease and of comfort, and lo—, it has become a god before which we bow down and worship, demanding of us our minds and hearts and all our energies,—the forms of a great and wonderful life without the heart. Wheels, and nothing more.

This, too, is an age of organization. Every city has a great number of societies, leagues, clubs, unions, associations, bands, lodges, orders, tribes, circles and hives. In fact all known

methods of getting people together seem to have been exhausted. Our churches, too, are filled with organizations for various forms of Christian and benevolent work. We have our missionary societies and young peoples' societies, our men's clubs and women's unions, our conferences and general assemblies, our consociations and associations, and it seems sometimes as if a large part of our thought and energy was given to the development and maintenance of this machinery, while the true work for which we are organized is largely forgotten. Are we satisfied, I wonder, as Christians and Christian workers, simply to see the wheels go round, pleasing ourselves to think that something is being done because of this unceasing activity? Are we satisfied to retain the forms of faith and religion when all that has made them a vital force, has passed away? Machinery is a help but only a help. The spirit must be in the wheels or else their turnings will be for naught. We cannot convert men to day by getting them to join a society or to work on a committee. Whatever of value there is in these things—and there is much value in them—it still remains true that the salvation of men must come through the spirit of the new life which Christ alone can give, and that the truest and highest development of the soul comes through contact with Him.

BETHLEHEM THE HOME OF THE MORAVIANS.

Bethlehem! Not the Bethlehem of the Judean plains, although one might be led to think so from the names of near-by places. Nazareth is up the valley a little distance, Emmaus is a few miles away, we cross the Jordan on the drive to Bethlehem, and Nain is near by. It is Bethlehem, Pa., in the beautiful Lehigh Valley—

"A quiet town, embossed by patriarchal trees,
Arund which sleeps an atmosphere as sweet
As the airs of Paradise."

Although there are extensive steel-works here and a well known university



MORAVIAN BUILDINGS, BUILT 1745-52.

has its spacious grounds and buildings here, yet it is as the home of the Moravians that Bethlehem is especially interesting.

On an interesting soldiers' monument, near the center of the town, is its history in a nutshell:

"About the time of the shortest day in December, 1740, the first tree was felled on the site of Bethlehem, by David Nitschmann, Sr., Martin Mack and others. The first house was built early in the year 1741. On December 24, 1741, the settlement was named Bethlehem by Count Zinzendorf. Until January 11, 1844, this town was an exclusive Moravian settlement, in which none but members of the Moravian church were allowed to hold real estate. On March, 1845, the village was incorporated as a borough."

The incident of the naming of the place is like this: A log house and stable had been built, as narrated on the tablet. On the first Christmas eve after its erection, Count Zinzendorf and his daughter Benigna were present at the observance of the Christmas festival, and as but a wall separated them from the stable, there was suggested the name "Bethlehem," and that it was called. The first settlers came from

Nazareth, in Northampton County, under the leadership of Peter Boehler, and settled at this beautiful point on the Lehigh River, where Monocacy Creek empties into it.

The modern town has gotten away somewhat from the simplicity and quaintness of the earlier years, but a visit to the first church, or the "Sisters' House," carries one back a hundred and fifty years.

The old buildings, as shown in the illustration, still preserve many of the characteristics of a former day. The buttressed walls overgrown with ivy and the quaint dormer windows mark the buildings as belonging to a former age. Tablets in the walls answer some of the questions a visitor wants to ask. The portion of the building surmounted with the belfry has this inscription: "First Seminary for Girls. Erected A. D. 1745. Used as a School 1746-1791." On the eastern wing is this inscription: "Sisters' House. Erected A. D. 1742. Prior to 1748 Used as a Brethren's House." Of more interest is the western wing. A tablet reads: "The Old Chapel. Erected A. D. 1751. Second Place of Worship in Bethlehem." The "Widows' House" is on the opposite side of the street.

It is inside that the old-fashioned character of the building appears most markedly. The old-fashioned latch of the battened door is lifted and we enter a hall. The ceiling is low. The hewn-log partitions are whitewashed. The picture accompanying this article gives one a good idea of the quaint old hall. The fire places at either side are closed with doors, but we examine the crane from which pots were hung, and the oven extending back into the wall. A chair of the old style, a part of which has been in use for over one hundred and fifty years, stands at one side. Fat-lamps, a hundred years old, and a fat-can are on a shelf. Of the dishes on the table, a teapot belonged to "Polly" Heckewelder, the first white child born in what is now the State of Ohio. Other pieces are over a hun-



FIRST PLACE OF WORSHIP, BUILT 1741.

dred years old. The bellows belonged to Bishop Boehler.

We are kindly shown upstairs, and climb the oak stair-way to the garret, where we look through the quaint windows. Modern shingles take the place of the ancient tiles, which were brought from Germany to cover the building long ago. We go down to the cellar. On one door is a wooden lock of large size, which is pointed out as one of the curious old relics of the place.

Interesting as are these reminders of the former days, they bear no comparison to the interest one has in the kindness of the Moravian sisters, who so freely open their homes and so cheerfully show us about the place. One looks for the evidences of piety in the faces of those who live near to God, and the faces we met were such as one would expect to see here. A dear old lady with cheerful face and the loveliest white hair welcomed us with her broken English, but in tones that were sweet and gentle. With difficulty she climbed the stairs and showed us about the house, but nothing seemed to be a trouble to her. We met others, and their reminiscences of the past were very interesting.

We went into the old church, built in 1741, and now tastefully fitted up for the holding of German services on Sunday, and the Wednesday evening prayer-meeting. "The Junior and Young People's Christian Endeavor services are held in this room," our informant said.

The new church is a plain, comfortable, commodious place of worship, with a seating capacity of 1,500. In the basement are the arrangements for observing the love-feast and the festivals of the different classes, as the "sisters' feast" and "brethren's feast."



HALLWAY OF SECOND HOUSE, BUILT 1711.

At these services good coffee and cake are provided, and a joyous religious service held.

On the belfry of the church is a place for the trombone choir, an institution peculiar to this church.

The "Sister's House," "Brethren's House," "Widows' House," and houses for the various classes are evidences of a peculiar custom of the Moravian people, which was far more marked in their earlier history than now. The congregation was divided into classes, or "choirs," indicated by the terms used to designate their homes. Very peculiar marriage customs also existed. If I am correctly informed, the interesting event was brought about in a manner something like this: The brethren and the sisters lived in their respective houses, there being no mingling of the sexes. The abbess would inquire whether any sisters wished to marry, and the minister made the same inquiry in the "Brethren's house." The names of

those who wished to marry were placed in two lists. Lots were cast by the church officials while prayer was being offered, and the result of the lot was announced. Those whose fortunes were thus determined were permitted a brief time for consultation, and if they desired they could dissent from the choice made by lot. It is stated, however, that but few refused to abide by the result of the lot, and furthermore that there were very few unhappy marriages. They had unqualified confidence in the lot as revealing God's will, and their high ideals of the marriage relation doubtless contributed to this happy result.

After the wedding, which was an interesting ceremony, the community assisted the newly wedded pair to build a small house, advancing them some money. Children remained at home until a certain age, when they went to live in the "Sister's House" or the "Brethren's House."



OLD GRAVEYARD, BETHLEHEM, PA.

The cheerful, hopeful piety of the Moravian people is manifest in their burial customs.

When a member of the church dies, it is announced by the tender strains of the trombone choir from the belfry of the church. While the funeral service is being held in the church, the body of the deceased lies in the "Corpse House" at the rear of the church. After the service, the coffin is placed on a bier and covered with a white cloth, as it is borne to the cemetery. At the grave a beautiful responsive service, participated in by the minister and the people, and with trombone accompaniment, is rendered. Amid the tall trees of the graveyard and surrounded by the graves of the departed, it is said to be a very beautiful and impressive service. The Moravians have unbounded confidence in the resurrection of the dead, and on Easter morning the people are awakened before daybreak by the Easter choral on the trombone played in the belfry, and, after an early matin service, they go to the cemetery to meet the morning sun. In accord with good taste and in keeping with their faith, they do not wear mourning when a friend dies.

The old graveyard is a beautiful place. In the midst of the trees of the forest the graves are made in rows of uniform size, the flat mound being covered with sod. No ghastly monuments make frightful the place. The grave-stones are laid flat on the graves, and are about one and a half by two feet in size. The inscriptions are simple. The men and the women are buried in separate divisions.

Some of the inscriptions are interesting, as revealing the characteristic faith and work of the Moravians. Here is one:

IN MEMORY OF
TSCHOOP, A MOHICAN INDIAN,
WHO IN HOLY BAPTISM ON APRIL 17TH,
1742,
RECEIVED THE NAME OF
JOHN.

One of the first fruits of Shekomeko, and a remarkable instance of the power of divine grace whereby he became a distinguished teacher among his nation. He departed this life in full assurance of faith at Bethlehem, August 27, 1747. There shall be one fold and one baptism. John 10: 16.

In their childlike, cheerful piety, without ostentation and noise, and their cultivation of the inner spiritual life, they teach us a lesson. But the feature of the church which most puts to shame other Christian bodies is the missionary zeal of the Moravians. Ten years after their organization at Herrnhut, and when they numbered only six hundred, they sent their first missionaries to the negro slaves of the West Indies, and ever since that time they have led all churches in their missionary efforts. The story of their missionary endeavors is a thrilling one.

During the year 1896 the Moravian Church, with a membership of only

26,614, expended \$404,282 for foreign missions. This is something over seventeen dollars per member.

A MARVELOUS OPPORTUNITY FOR THE CHURCH.

BY REV. JUDSON SMITH, D. D.

The political developments in China at the present time are attracting the attention of the world, and no one is wise enough to forecast the outcome. To those who are supremely interested in the development of Christ's kingdom in China, however, the question of first importance is, what bearing these events are likely to have upon the progress of missionary work. Having visited China recently, and taken note of the course of events there, I am happy to say that there never was a time when the opportunities for Christian work were so multiplied or the attention of the people so easily gained by the messenger of the gospel. In every part of China, in the south, in the central part, in the north, great audiences gather in mission churches and chapels. The mission schools are thronged. Those who are ready to turn away from idolatry and heathenism and connect themselves with the Christian Church are in many instances more than the missionaries can possibly reach and instruct. In one mission alone of the American Board at the present time a sober estimate reckons the number of these inquirers as twelve thousand. Adjoining missions of other boards are equally thronged with those inquiring the way of life.

THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE.

It is not enough to be social just for the sake of being social; be social to save. Win the unconverted by your fellowship. By skillful planning bring the members of the society closer together for more effectiveness in service. Shun cliques as of the evil one. Utilize the few minutes after the service, paying particular attention to new and timid members. Be on hand to welcome and seat incomers. Allow no stranger to depart without a greeting. Extend your labors to the church services proper.

Once in a while visit other societies to promote fellowship. Insist upon informality among your own members, and avoid class distinctions; "all ye are brethren." Invite possible members to your socials. Never charge for admission, and do not have too formal programs; sociability rather than entertainment is the purpose. Seek simplicity; beware of elaborate refreshments. Provide in advance a number of suitable games and diversions that can be used if needed. Keep clear of questionable entertainments and amusements; your socials should be holy to the Lord.

Here are some good and tried so-

cial: Longfellow socials, with recitations from Longfellow and a Longfellow quotation from every member. Let members impersonate some of Longfellow's characters, others to discover their identity. A book social, with literary conundrums and a book for admission fee. A vegetable social, each member bringing a vegetable for the poor. Let each draw his vegetable on the board, and then have a guessing contest to identify the vegetables drawn. An advertising social, with pictures and phrases of celebrated advertisements exhibited, the members to discover the name of the advertisement, which, of course, has been removed from the picture. A railroad social, planned as an excursion, with conductor, brakemen, way stations, etc. A soap-bubble party with contests in bubble-blowing. A portrait social, where portraits of the members as infants are exhibited and an attempt made to identify them. A conundrum social, each person present contributing his best conundrum. A flower social with boutonnieres for the participants and the room decorated with wild flowers. A color social, where one color prevails in everything. A bright social committee will devise many other ways of making pleasant the society's social gatherings.

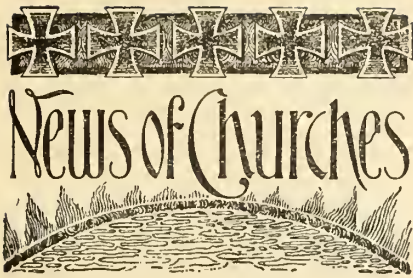
On the Samoan Island 200 native churches support their own preachers.

It used to cost the government \$120 apiece to support the Dakota Indians. After missionary work among them had progressed, and had taught them how to take care of themselves, it cost the government only \$7.20 apiece to support them.

For general missionary news and discussion there is no publication equal to "The Missionary Review of the World" published by the Funk & Wagnalls Company of New York. This is a monthly magazine. It has a large corps of correspondents scattered all over the world and its contributors are nearly all men and women of well established reputation in their various lines of work.

A saloon keeper in England advertised his beer as liquid bread. A member of the English parliament bought a quart and paid a chemist \$15 to examine it. Two per cent. About a thimbleful was really food. Five per cent. was alcohol, and the remaining 93 per cent. water. He was arrested under the food act.—Popular Science News.

When you pray for fair winds to take your ship over the sea, don't forget those who are on the other side trying to come this way.



UNITY CHURCH.

In the death of Mrs. Loren Robertson, the society has met with an irreparable loss. She has been an active worker ever since it was formed, twenty-one years ago. She was identified with all the different organizations, and for many years was the head of the Hospitality Committee, doing very successful work. At the time of her death she was President of the Unitarian Charitable Society, a member of the Woman's Alliance, and a very much loved teacher in the Sunday-school. Her loss is felt keenly in every department. Her funeral was held at her residence on Saturday, March 18th, and in spite of a pouring rain, there was a large attendance. The services were conducted by the Rev. Joseph Waite. Unity choir sang "Rock of Ages" and "Abide With Me." The beautiful display of flowers was a fitting tribute. The interment was at Cedar Hill.

A measuring social was held in the church parlors March 23rd. A large number were present and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

The children's social was held March 31st. Supper was served and games and recitations passed the time pleasantly until 7.45, when the children were dismissed.

The annual meeting of the Sunday-school was held March 31st. Mrs. Baker presided. The annual reports were read and the following officers were chosen: Supt., Mrs. Baker; secy., Mr. Cutting; treas., Mr. Young; librarian, Mr. Friebe; Chorister, Mr. Wentworth.

The annual meeting of the society was held Monday evening, April 3rd.

BLOOMFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

The first social of the season was held at the church Wednesday evening, Apr. 5th. The same was announced as an "Impersonation Social," and as is implied in the name, different persons were dressed to impersonate noted people in the world's history, from Bible times down to our present national idol, Admiral Dewey. Although not intended as a financial project, nevertheless a snug little sum was added to our Endeavor Fund for church improvement.

Two fairly pleasant Sundays have greatly increased our morning congregation. Several new families have moved into town recently and have already given us an opportunity to welcome them at the church.

ASYLUM AVENUE BAPTIST.

A social was held March 27th under the auspices of our Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, and a large number of the young people of our church and congregation was present. An interesting musical program had been prepared and at the close of this, our president, Chas. Edward Prior, presented a lesson in popular geography, which proved to be of general interest. Mr. Willis B. Case won the prize, which was a copy of 'The Probable Sons.' One of the pleasant surprises of this social was the singing of Miss Martha Graves.

Mr. Lyman E. Hatheway, who has been the faithful secretary and treasurer of our Sunday-school for a number of years, has gone to Hollywood, near Los Angeles, California. He will be missed in the school and elsewhere. Jamie Tuller, a member of Mr. J. A. Wiley's class, has been appointed secretary and treasurer in Mr. Hatheway's place.

A dozen or more of the members of our Endeavor Society attended a Missionary Rally at the Memorial Church recently and enjoyed the address of Mrs. Reynolds.

A payment of thirty dollars was made to our Home Mission Society last week, the contribution of our Y. P. S. C. E.

Mr. Charles R. Maynard is with us again, after a visit to his home in Utica, N. Y.

A musical entertainment is to be given in our chapel on Wednesday evening, April 10th, under the auspices of the circle of King's Daughters connected with our church.

Our Sunday-school superintendent, Mr. Chas. Edw. Prior, starts for Atlanta, Georgia, April 24th to attend the International Sunday-school Convention as a delegate from the state of Connecticut. Mrs. Prior will accompany her husband and they will be absent about two weeks.

FIRST METHODIST.

The regular monthly business meeting of the Epworth League was held last Thursday evening. The vice-presidents reported their departments to be in a flourishing condition. Mr. Birch the new third vice-president has been very active in planning the literary work of the league.

The Wesleyan Glee Club's entertainment, which the league has arranged to give at Unity Hall, will be given on Friday evening, April 21st. During the past week Dr. Blake has been in Mount Vernon attending the annual conference of the New York East District. In the absence of our pastor, the Rev. C. S. Oakley of New York City occupied the pulpit, and Mr. Birch of the seminary took charge of the mid-week prayer meeting.

Our pastor will give a lecture for the benefit of "Cheerful Workers Circle" of King's Daughters in the vestry of the church on Monday evening, April 17.

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL.

It has been frequently remarked that young people's meetings at the South Church are particularly good on stormy Sundays. There has been ample opportunity to prove the truth of this saying during the past season.

Perhaps it is for the same reason that the sociable given on an unusually inclement evening by the Young Men's Society, assisted by the young ladies, was so very enjoyable, and was pronounced by all a success.

The Ladies' Sewing Society held its last meeting during the month. Much good has been accomplished and more than one far-away home has been gladdened by the many comforts which the well-filled boxes have brought to them.

The Young Ladies' Auxiliary is growing. Under their auspices a most interesting and pathetic talk was given by Miss Moffat upon missionary work, not only in the new parts of our land but also among the out-casts in our great cities, and among the neglected homes of our own New England.

The Lenten services during Holy Week were impressive and tender. The services were conducted by the pastor, assisted on Wednesday by Prof. Williston Walker.

A large congregation joined in the glad Easter morning worship. There were exquisite flowers and fine music; and Dr. Parker preached an inspiring sermon upon the "Power of the Resurrection." The evening song service was also thronged. A fine chorus sang with much feeling and expression.

An Anthem, "Behold Ye Despisers" by Prof. Horatio W. Parker, and a cantata, "The Risen King," by P. A. Scherecker;—a beautiful and noble interpretation of the story of the Resurrection.

HOCKAMUN CONGREGATIONAL.

The King's Daughters gave an entertainment in the vestry of the So. Congregational church, Friday evening. The proceeds were to be voted to the piano fund.

One Wednesday evening, Rodgers & Hills gave a stereoptican lecture upon Alaska. It was given under the auspices of the Endeavor Society.

A new piano has been placed in the church, and the Ladies' Aid Society, the Endeavor Society and the King's Daughter Society have pledged themselves to pay for the instrument.

The Endeavor society have recently placed four new center lamps in the body of the church.

Mr. Raymond, the Hartford evangelist, gave a very helpful address upon "God's Goodness and Man's Ingratitude" last Sunday morning.

The week of prayer was observed Passion week, as has been the custom for several years. Rev. Mr. Bacheler conducted meetings every night in the week, taking for his themes the different phases in the life of Christ, during the corresponding week years ago.

NORTH METHODIST.

The good weather has come, and the church and its different societies show an increased attendance. The Easter exercises were well attended.

The missionary society of the Sunday-school has elected Mr. Wiley, president, Mr. Hills, treasurer, Miss Florence Fitch, vice-pres., and Miss Fannie Mosier, secy. The society gave \$60 for missions last year.

The Endeavor Society has selected Miss Annie MacDonnell as president, and a successful term is assured under her administration. The topic cards have been printed with a full list of subjects and officers and committees thereon, making a neat card and directory.

The regular monthly social was held at the residence of Miss Bessie Fisher, 62 Capen street, Friday night, with a large number present and a good time enjoyed.

The society of Willing Workers held a social meeting Wednesday evening at the home of Howard A. Camp, on Wooster street, and a good time was had by the large number present.

Mrs. Ira J. Strong was in attendance at Conference in Mt. Vernon, N. Y., Tuesday.

Miss Elsie Dresser has been engaged as organist of the church for the ensuing year. Her services have been much enjoyed by the people and her efforts greatly appreciated. She is a painstaking musician and her ability as a leader of a chorus choir is always in evidence.

The attendance at Sunday-school is on the increase.

Rev. Duane N. Griffin, our Pastor, has been returned for another year by the conference, the official board having given him a unanimous vote to that effect.

Several changes have been made in the Sunday-school room and parlors, the change giving much satisfaction to all.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

A special sermon was given Easter Sunday by the Sunday-school at 7 P. M. An Easter-tide exercise entitled, "Joy to all Nations," was rendered by the school.

The music was very pleasing, and much enjoyed by all present. The annual meeting of the Sunday-school Association was held Friday evening, March 31; when reports from committees were read and officers elected for the ensuing year, as follows:

Supt., John Gray; asst. supt., S. R. Starkey; secy., J. Harry Lord; treas., S. H. Berry; librarian, J. A. M. Bell.

A very pleasant time was given the members of the Primary Department by the Always Ready Circle of King's Daughters, Friday afternoon, Mar. 31st. Refreshments were served, and every scholar received an Easter souvenir.

The Sunday-school will give an entertainment, consisting of tableaux, recitations and music, Friday evening, April 14th.

On Thursday evening, April 6th, the annual meeting of the church was held,

and the roll of church members was called. The pastor referred to the death of members during the year. The roll of membership shows an increase since the annual meeting in 1898.

John Gray, superintendent of the Sunday-school reported that at present there were 107 members in the main school and 55 in the primary department, making a total attending the school in both departments of 162.

The Ladies' United Society reported a great improvement in mission work over that of previous years. The Young People's Society report was read by Miss Lillian Sleeth, and it showed that the membership was 50 and the average attendance at the meetings, 22.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were: C. G. Small, treasurer; Frederick Lycett, assistant treasurer; J. Harry Ford, collector; board of trustees, James Pullar, John Laing, Charles Pullar, Samuel Collins, W. B. Low, Henry Ford and John Johnston.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

The services on Easter day were well attended. At the early morning service, the Rev. Dr. Hart assisted the Rector. The flowers in the chancel were beautiful and nicely arranged. Potted plants were used throughout the church and the usual cross and bank of roses at the lower end of the church.

The full morning service was enriched by the Easter music which was in keeping with the day—bright and joyful.

At the children's service in the afternoon a brief address was made by the Rector. The children were given a potted plant. This is a pretty custom and encourages the children in the care and love of flowers. There were a number of children baptized at this service.

The Men's League held their April meeting, Thursday the 13th. The speaker was the Rev. E. F. Atwood, and his subject "The Pioneers and Builders of Connecticut." The address was instructive and very interesting.

This was a general meeting, both ladies and gentlemen of the parish being invited.

The annual meeting will be held in May.

The pledge system for the support of the church and its various work, which has been tried for the past year will be continued. It has met with the approval of all the members.

ST. THOMAS CHURCH.

The annual Easter Sale and Supper of the Guild was held in the Parish building, Wednesday, April 5th, afternoon and evening. The attendance was large, and it was a very successful affair.

On Wednesday and Thursday evenings, April 26th and 27th, the young People's Club are to present two farces in the Parish Hall, "American Fancination," and "A Bad Case," tickets for which are now being sold by members of the Club. An orchestra of six pieces will be present each evening.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH, WETHERSFIELD.

Bro. Francis Pile, of Hartford, has accepted the recent call to the pastorate of the church, and began his duties last Sunday.

We regret very much to lose the family of Bro. Richard M. Thompson from the church. They have decided to remove to South Manchester, where they formerly lived.

Bro. W. Parkison Chase, of Milford, N. J., who visited us recently, has made an appeal for the building fund in the columns of the "Herald of Gospel Liberty," Dayton, Ohio, the weekly paper of the Christians.

The measles have been prevalent, this spring, among the Sunday-school scholars. It is of a mild type.

Pastor Pile expects a visit, in May, from his daughter, who lives in England. She is a singer, and will doubtless worship with us.

Sabbath desecration is sadly on the increase in our town, making it harder than ever to influence people to attend public worship and especially Sunday-school. Officers of churches will ride around town with their families, on bicycles, as if it were 4th of July, setting a pernicious example to the young already point to even greater disrespect and the unsaved. The spring season has but scarcely opened, yet indications for God's holy day then existed last year. Fishing, boating, gaming, and bicycling are among the present Sunday sports. Many of the owners of boats at the cove reap a harvest nearly every Sunday through the summer by renting their boats. Some of our farmers work in the field on Sunday, and others slyly work around the barns and sheds, doing mending, painting, etc. Who can doubt that our people as a nation are degenerating in Godliness, and laying the foundation for the just visitation of God's wrath?

G. W. S., Apr. 12, 1899.

WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

Our former pastor, Rev. Mr. Elsdon, has returned and preached last Sabbath. A full house greeted him. We are sorry to lose the services of our soprano singer, Mrs. Daniels, and recently the organist. Our King's Daughters' circle have added their earnings to the church expenses. We look for brighter prospects with the coming spring.

WINDSOR CONGREGATIONAL.

We enjoyed meeting members of the Junior Prohibition League of Hartford, who came up to assist at our Endeavor temperance meeting, Sunday evening, March 19th, and hope they will come again when a settled condition of the roads and more summer-like weather will permit a larger attendance.

The Endeavor Society has contributed \$11 for the work which the American Missionary Association is to begin in Porto Rico.

The chapel has been furnished with new chairs.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL.

Our Sunday-school has been greatly improved by the addition of a dozen or more tables. Each teacher now has a table on which the hymn-books and Bibles are placed. In this way the session of the school is rendered much more social as it is much more home-like to speak across a table than across the open space the benches used to form. Our new superintendant has taken matters in hand as if he meant to run the school faster than usual. This is much more agreeable to us, as we all like to see a thing go.

An old-time social was given on March 17th, by the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The congregation, in general, were invited.

An Easter "Sacrifice Offering" was received by the Junior Auxiliary on March 31st. It was sent to the College and Education Society to be applied to the aid of the students in the Hartford Theological Seminary, to whom the Society was not able to send expected aid because of lack of funds.

The church was very prettily decorated with palms and lilies on Easter. The plan of decoration was quite original with the committee in charge.

A memorial tablet in memory of Mr. John W. Cooke has been placed in the church, near the spot where he used to stand and welcome friends and strangers as they came to the services.

At the Easter Communion, April 9th, nine persons were admitted to the church by letter and six by confession of faith.

SUFFIELD STREET BAPTIST.

Mr. Brown, of the Lookout Committee of the Hartford C. E. Union, led our meeting Friday evening, March 31st.

The Easter exercises of the Sunday-school took the place of the evening preaching service, and Mr. Noble, our Pastor, addressed the school. The platform was beautifully decorated and the singing of the choir was excellent.

Under the auspices of the social committee a very interesting social was held at the chapel Wednesday evening, Apr. 5th.

ASYLUM HILL CONGREGATIONAL.

The last meeting of the Teacher's Club was held on Monday, Mar. 26th, with an attendance of thirty. After supper a discussion took place on the subject of suitable and attractive services for special days, mainly Christmas and Easter. It was agreed that a variety in the program year by year, was conducive to continued interest, also a special service to mark the day, was advisable.

The Boy's meetings have recently been resumed under the leadership of Arthur Williams. These meetings are held in the chapel on Tuesday evenings, and all boys under sixteen are cordially invited.

Principal Twitchell of the Arsenal school gave a talk, enjoyed by all, at the young people's meeting, on Sunday April 9th. These meetings are occasionally varied by having an address by some one from outside, instead of being entirely conducted by the young men of the church.

SOUTH BAPTIST.

The King's Daughters celebrated their fifth anniversary on the evening of Mar. 22nd, at Mrs. Wm. Rhodes, Retreat Ave. The history of the five years work was given by Miss E. L. Smith, and a prophecy of its future work by the Pastor. Miss Cummings and Miss Zurhorst favored the company with music. A dainty repast was served by the hostess.

We are looking forward to hearing Mr. Edward Smith of the Hosmer Hall Mission Band address the C. E. meeting on Apr. 16th.

Another pleasant anticipation is the coming visit of our old pastor, Rev. Kutredge Wheeler, who is to be with us Thursday, Apr. 13th.

We are glad to see the missionary spirit extending even to the Primary Dep't in the Sunday-school, five dollars and a half being realized from the birth-day box which was lately opened, the Junior Endeavor Society giving nearly the same amount this year. The King's Daughters have given fifty dollars, the Woman's Missionary Society ninety dollars, the Sunday-school ten dollars, and the church, through its weekly pledges to missions, seven hundred.

We hope to see still greater results the coming year.

FIRST BAPTIST.

The Mothers' meetings continue to prosper. Additional visitors have joined us, and the good work goes on. We have had two most helpful talks of late from the Rev. Mr. Thompson and Rev. Mr. Dixon.

At the meeting of the Young Men's League Tuesday evening, the 11th, Rev. G. C. Baldwin, Jr., of Springfield gave "A Sketch of Travels in Palestine." Prof. A. L. Fulton of the Theological Seminary spoke on "The Humorous Side of Camp Life."

The last meeting of the League for the year will be on the second Tuesday in May. This will be "Lady's Night" and great preparations are already in progress.

On the recommendation of the officers and teachers, the Sunday-school adopted the following resolution, making what we believe will be a desirable change in the method of giving prizes:

Beginning March 1st, a prize of not less than \$3.00 in value shall be given to the member of the school, introducing the most new members, between that date and December 1st, who shall remain not less than 4 sessions.

A second prize shall be given to the member bringing in the next largest number.

The following were elected officers of the Young People's Association at the annual meeting held March 22:

Pres., Guy Beardsley; vice-presidents, Frederick S. Chapman, Miss Millie Smith; sec., Louis S. Johnson; asst. sec., Miss Clarice Deming; treas., William H. Sloane; auditors, Clarence S. Shumway, Warren L. Rowell.

The retiring officers were appointed a committee to arrange for an installation of the new officers. They arranged a very pleasant humorous, literary and musical affair for Wednesday evening, April 12th, which was well attended and greatly enjoyed.

The Annual Roll Call of our church was held Thursday evening, the 13th, after a supper in the parlor prepared by the ladies.

PEARL STREET CONGREGATIONAL.

Mr. E. J. Pearson who has just returned from a business trip to Cuba and Yucatan gave an interesting account of his experiences in the parlors recently. A large number of young people attended and were highly entertained as well as instructed. Mr. Porter of the Church choir sang two solos in his usual excellent style.

April 1st sees a decided change in our Church choir, the regular quartette being reinforced by a supplemental quartette consisting of Miss M. Louise Allen, Miss Abbie M. Sykes, J. W. Titcomb and E. J. Pearson. Mrs. F. P. Furlong succeeds Miss Augur as contralto and Mr. Latham replaces Mr. Ames as baritone. The latter's departure is noted with especial regret as he has sung for us for seven or eight years and has made a host of friends, both by his excellent singing.

The hour of the Chinese Sunday-school has been changed from three to four o'clock, and the Chinese Society from four to half past three.

WINDSOR AVE. CONGREGATIONAL.

Mr. Galt of the Seminary led our Endeavor meeting, Mar. 20th, and Mr. Lytle of the Seminary conducted our meeting Mar. 27th.

Rev. W. C. Prentiss of Pocquonoch preached in our church last Sunday morning and evening.

A musical and literary entertainment was given by the Y. P. S. C. E. Tuesday evening, April 4th.

Cottage prayer meetings, which have been carried on under the auspices of the missionary committee of the Y. P. S. C. E., have been well attended and we trust are proving beneficial.

The Girls' Mission Circle gave a Military Drill and had a sale of fancy work Mar. 25th. A large number attended and a large sum of money was realized.

We have recently welcomed to our Y. P. S. C. E. the following members: Miss Carrie Peterson, Miss Addie Bigelow and Miss Etta Smith.

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WANTED—POSITIVE CHRIS- TIAN.

Consciously or unconsciously every man and woman of us shape our lives and actions by the lives and actions of those about us, and likewise are their actions shaped by ours. We see this in many respects, and a man who has a real personality of his own, who thinks his own thoughts and expresses them, who lays out his own line of action and follows it, who knows what he wants and secures it, and who knows what he wants not and lets alone,—such a man we are liable to dub a "Crank." What is such a one compared to the omnipotent "THEY." What are his thoughts worth when "THEY think" differently. Never mind what he says when "THEY say" otherwise. Never mind what he clothes himself with, "THEY wear" this now.

My toes have developed painful corns because the shoe clerk told me I did not want what I wanted, because "THEY did not wear that style now." I attract much attention on the street with my straw hat in the fall. It is a warm day and physically I am very comfortable, but I am mentally distressed when I learn that "THEY have called in straw hats." And so it goes,—one sheep leaps over the pasture wall and the whole herd follows.

The man who has a complete individuality of his own, and asserts it, does so at his peril. He is liable to be socially ostracized; he can hardly make much of a business success; he can make but few friends, and hold fewer. Yet he may, years after he himself

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has passed away, perhaps, mold the thoughts of multitudes. What he said in the last generation "THEY say" now.

A man may have a strong individuality and a little tact (the more tact the less individuality) and not only get along well in life, make friends and keep them, but he may also profoundly influence his fellows.

Particularly is this true in the realm of morals and religion. One bold aggressive Christian in a community may leaven the whole. For not only has he the strength of his own convictions but he knows that his neighbors admit in their hearts that he is right. Their inclinations may be wrong but their conscience will not permit them to oppose the right.

Of such men there is a dearth in almost every community. We seldom meet them and so instead we watch our neighbors, and if there is a question of right and wrong up, and the lines are not too sharply drawn, we stand with the majority whatever side they take.

God give us more strong Christian men and women, who will do right because it is right, and not for policy's sake; who will not allow false ideas of courtesy to permit them from speaking out against the wrong when they see it; who will stand for truth and right living always, though they stand alone.

THE YALE BAND.

The notice which appears in our Young People's Department of the coming campaign of the Yale Missionary Band, should attract the interest of all who are concerned with the coming of Christ's Kingdom. These five men occupy a unique position among Christian workers. Their spirit is the spirit of the Disciples, who went from city to city, asking nothing and receiving nothing for themselves save that they should be given an abiding place while there; and seeking no honor for themselves but rather for the Master whom they serve. Their unassuming modesty and self-effacement is undoubtedly a strong factor in their success. One of their number said to the writer, "Keep 'Yale Band' out of sight just as much as possible." But inasmuch as they have humbled themselves they have indeed been exalted, in the results that have followed their labors. One society in Indianapolis, which last year felt that it was doing exceedingly well by giving fifty dollars for missions, this year give six hundred dollars. Another society of 150 members voted to make its gifts one cent a day each—\$547.50—for the year. In another city a young girl gave up a contemplated party, and gave the money that it would have cost. Many have decided to give up their lives to the Master's work.

Rev. John F. Cowan, D. D., writing in the "Endeavor World," says of them:

"The four points on which local societies are asked to concentrate their efforts are:—

PRAY, STUDY, GIVE, GO.

Regular prayer for missions in the societies is provided for by the prayer cycle. The Band rely on a revival of prayer for missions to accomplish all the rest. Missionary study in the societies is provided for by the introduction of a missionary library. From the rapidity with which these libraries have been ordered, the publishers must wonder what sort of cyclone has struck the young people's societies. Praying for missions and reading about missions will logically bring increased giving, but this is to be encouraged by a system—the titling of one's income, promoted by a special committee, and the use of the Christian Endeavor Tenth Legion ballot, and similar devices for young people's societies.

But one mainspring of persistence in this work is to be a thoroughly organized missionary committee. Not a committee made up of the members left over after all the other committees have been appointed, but the "best possible" committee. The work of this committee is to be so divided that each member has his own definite duty, and a manual of missionary methods is furnished, so that there need never be a lack of something to do."

The need for this work is shown by the fact that there are now more than 3500 students in America who have given themselves to the foreign field, many of whom have already been accepted by their Boards but cannot be sent for lack of funds. The next advance movement must come from those who stay at home, but who must furnish the means to send these out. The Yale Band do not try to raise this money, they take no collections and ask no pledges in their meetings. But by means of an earnest, well-informed *prayerful* interest they seek to induce larger giving by the young people.

It is reported that the bill repealing the charter of the state Law and Order League is likely to be favorably reported to the legislature, and if so that it is likely to pass.

This would be an outrageous insult to every decent citizen for none such are opposed to the work of the League; the class which is opposed to it is composed of some of the worst elements in the commonwealth.

If there are any good reasons why the charter of this organization should be repealed, or materially modified, let's hear them, but to put an end to this useful society at the mere bidding of an organization of rumsellers is inexcusable.

Let there be no half-hearted opposition to this iniquitous measure. Every man who can should be present at the next hearing on the subject and by his voice or presence show his opposition.

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The present legislature can hardly pass a law of more lasting injury to the community, than that allowing more Sunday trains. The Open Sunday perhaps is bound to come, so feeble

is the opposition offered by those most interested—the religious and laboring elements—but if it does come it will bring a train of evil consequences with it which can easily be foreseen if one stops to think, or studies the results in communities where such conditions have for any length of time prevailed.

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It is hoped that the discussion now going on over the "Mistress and Maid" question, may be productive of some good results. In many respects the servant's lot is not an enviable one. She may be sure of food, shelter and a home. She may have a very comfortable little bank account, but for all that, with a tactless and inconsiderate mistress presiding over her, her life may be a prolonged misery, and self-respect a vanished dream.

Yet because of their position, a menial one at best, these girls deserve special consideration, and if it is given, the service given is likely to proportionately willing and cheerful. We hear much about incompetent help but incompetent mistresses are no rarity. American mistresses will find it profitable to study the experiences of their English cousins over the servant question. Over there it is not the vexatious problem it is here.

NEW BRITAIN AVE. MISSION.

Two Sabbaths of comparatively good weather have brought the Sunday-school up again in numbers. Over one hundred and eighty were present at the Easter exercises, in which many of the children took part in song and recitation. We were also favored with a short address by Rev. Mr. Robbins. Apr. 9th, the school numbered one hundred and forty-six.

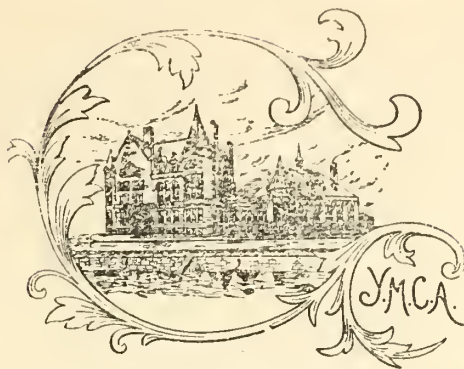
A barrel, filled mostly with clothing has just been sent to the destitute of Barbadoes, through the hands of Rev. Mr. Perkins, a missionary on that island, being the second sent this year.

Our Sunday-school Home Department is organizing slowly, but we shall have one soon.

We feel very grateful to the different ministers, laymen and theological students, who from Sabbath to Sabbath have preached to us at our 6 o'clock service.

Just to introduce their goods and name to the Hartford people, the Caruss Optical Co., 50 Asylum Street, will, by presenting their ad. in this issue, sell a \$6.00 solid gold eye glass for \$2.50, from May 1st to 10th. They were awarded first premium at the World's Fair for their fine lenses.

Messrs. Seymour and Lincoln have recently taken possession of the grocery store, corner Main and Pleasant Sts., Russell's old stand. They have added a meat department, and invite the public to drop in and give them a trial order.



Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Ex-Assistant Secretary Hammond has been assigned to a church in Wallingford, Conn.

The annual election of officers and directors will occur the 19th instant. Polls will be open at the building from 4 P. M. to 8 P. M.

The Sunday afternoon meetings are well attended. The topics of "Religion," "The Bible," "Prayer," "Faith," "What Saves," and "The Church," assigned to Revs. Saltonstall, Ballantine, Perkins, Beardslee, Blake and Ranney respectively are meeting with much approval. Young men are querists on these subjects and need to have their questions answered.

Mr. Wilson of the Physical Department is to give special attention to teaching members how to swim this spring. The Association has the only swimming pool in the city and it is likely to be a very popular place for both seniors and juniors.

THE OPEN HEARTH.

The services held at the Mission for the month of March were of the most interesting and instructive character. The illustrated lectures given by our superintendent each Thursday evening were attended by crowded audiences and much good has already resulted from them. The pictures thrown by the new light on the canvas were finely brought out and the explanations of Supt. Miller listened to by those present will be remembered by many to their lasting good. The services from 12 M. to 3 P. M. on Good Friday were also well attended and the pictures thrown on the canvas of the sufferings and death of our Blessed Lord affected all hearts and brought many to a more realizing sense of what our salvation cost. Supt. Miller gave short talks on the subjects of each picture and solemn hymns were sung and prayers offered. A goodly number at the close of the services silently re-consecrated themselves to Him who had suffered for their sins and many professed themselves determined hereafter to lead better lives.

On Easter Sunday the evening service was also attended by an audience which filled the room and gave strict attention to the address of Mr. Miller on the words of St. Paul in the Epistle to Timothy, "Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised

from the dead according to my Gospel." The speaker portrayed the scenes of the resurrection morning and the amazement and delight of his disciples; consternation of Pilate and the Chief Priests and the assurance given that we too shall be raised at the last day, some to eternal life, and some to an eternity of sorrow. A number came forward at the close of the service for prayers.

It is expected that Rt. Rev. Bishop Brewster will visit the Mission on Wednesday evening, April 12th, and that the committee will also be present as well as many old friends of the work. The visit will be a gratification to all and much good will doubtless result therefrom.

WARBURTON CHAPEL.

The monthly social was held on the evening of March 24th. After an excellent musical program had been given the ladies contested for honors in driving nails, and an equal number of gentlemen exhibited their skill in sewing on buttons. The ladies' prize was won by Miss Sidonie Schacker, and Mr. Robotham took the one offered the men.

Our kindergarten will soon celebrate its second birthday. While its work is carried on in a very quiet way the results secured are very gratifying. One week only was taken for a spring vacation and the parents of the older children freely expressed their wish that the public school had followed our example.

During the past month the teacher's meetings have been of special interest. Principal Twitchell spoke to us upon "The Use of the Question in Teaching." A review of the lessons for April was given in five-minute papers by Mrs. J. C. Hills, Mr. H. D. Tracy, Miss Mary L. Hastings and Mr. S. P. Davis.

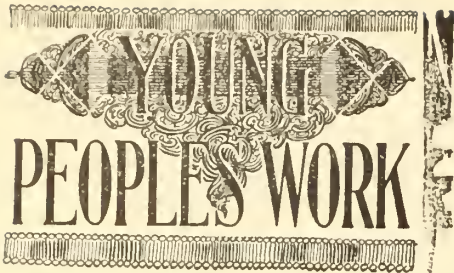
Prof. Jacobus gave an interesting address upon "John and his Gospel."

The meeting this week is to have for its speaker the Rev. Frank Dixon of the South Baptist Church. Mr. Dixon has consented to present to the teachers his method of securing definite practical results in Sunday-school Bible study. This talk was given by Mr. Dixon at a recent meeting of the S. S. Superintendents' Union.

Easter Sunday was enjoyed in a combined service of the intermediate and primary departments. Ninescholars were promoted into the intermediate grade. Dr. Lamson and Mr. D. R. Howe were present and made brief addresses but also words of cheer for the evening us not only an Easter message couraging prospects and growth in our school.

We call attention to the advertisement of the Hartford Nursery in another column. Chas. O. Purinton, Proprietor.

Decoration Day will soon be here, but there is yet time to set up a good monument before it arrives. Consult F. R. Slocum, No. 1 Ford St., at once about it.



YALE MISSIONARY BAND COM- ING.

The Yale Missionary Band is to hold a week's campaign here, beginning May 6th, in which all young people's societies, of every denomination, will unite. Their work will commence with a general rally, Saturday night, followed by pulpit services on Sunday, and denominational rallies and district conferences during the week following. The details of the meetings will be fully announced in the churches and daily press before the beginning of the campaign.

The Yale Band consists of five men, graduates of Yale in the class of '98, who have given their services for one year to work in the cause of missions among young people's societies. From Washington to Chicago, from St. Louis to New York, their success has been wonderful and the deep spiritual tone of their meetings, the living interest they have aroused in the progress of the World-Wide Kingdom, has surprised their most sanguine friends. It is hoped that while they are here, they will be able to hold one service at least in nearly every evangelical church in the city.

The work here is in charge of a large Central Committee, representing both pastors and laymen of all denominations, the Y. M. C. A., Theological Seminary, Trinity College, Yale Alumni Association and other organizations. Sub-committees have been appointed and are now vigorously at work.

The Central Committee consists of Rev. Chas. M. Lamson, D. D., Rev. Jos. H. Twichell, Rev. Frank Dixon, Rev. Harold Patterson, Rev. W. A. Richard, Rev. Cornelius G. Bristol, Rev. W. W. Breckenridge, Prof. F. S. Luther, William F. Gordy, Chas. A. Jewell, Dr. G. C. Segur, John T. Robinson, Isaac H. Coe, Herbert Knox Smith, Henry E. Rees, H. S. Galt, Guy E. Beardsley, Oscar A. Phelps, Myrton T. Smith, Harry A. G. Abbe, David Calhoun and Nelson B. Bassett.

HARTFORD C. E. UNION.

PRESIDENT'S NOTE BOOK.

We are particularly fortunate in having two strong attractions for our semi-annual meeting. Our State President, Mr. H. H. Spooner is to be with us, and will make a short address, incidentally presenting the advantages and opportunities of the Detroit Convention. The other speaker will be Rev. William I. Chamberlain, who has been a missionary, and was for several years president of the India C. E. Union. He

is now in this country pursuing some special studies and we are thus enabled to get him here. The meeting also has an added interest in the fact that it is probably the last one we will be able to hold in the present Pearl Street Church. This church has been looked upon as the "Home of the Union" ever since its organization, its central location and convenient social rooms as well as the active interest its pastor and members have always taken in Union affairs, making it a natural meeting place for directors, committees, and frequently for the Union meetings.

The call for funds issued by the Finance Committee is meeting with encouraging response. We shall need the full amount called for by the circular, and sincerely hope that all Societies will respond promptly and generously.

Yours in C. E.
Nelson B. Bassett.

JUNIOR PROHIBITION LEAGUE

On March 6th, after the regular business meeting, the evening was spent in a literary manner. We had for one subject, "The Life of Robert Burns." Papers were read on his life and works, and some of his poems were read.

On Sunday, March 19th, the League lead the Christian Endeavor meeting at the Windsor Congregational chapel. Although a stormy day several of the members of the League were present and an interesting meeting was held.

On March 20th, Rev. W. J. Noble, pastor of the West Hartford Baptist church, spoke to the League on "Expansionism." His discourse was enjoyed by a large number of members and friends.

March 21st, the League led a Christian Endeavor meeting at the So. Manchester Cong. church. The meeting proved very successful, several of the So. Manchester young people being present. Ten of the members of the League were present at the meeting, after which they spent a very pleasant evening at the home of Mrs. F. H. Ladd.

On Wednesday, March 29th, the Entertainment Committee gave an entertainment for the benefit of the League. Mr. H. J. Martel gave some very pleasing selections on the xylophone, musical bells and glasses. Miss Perwo rendered several violin solos. The programme contained a number of vocal and instrumental solos and duets, also some readings. The entertainment proved very successful and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR PRAYER-MEETING TOPICS.

[From the Presbyterian Manual.]

April 23.—How Christ makes use of common lives.—Mark 14: 12-16.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

The Master still finds many guest-chambers by the help of men with pitchers.

Christ's vessels are mostly earthen, but they are all clean.

The common people have always been Christ's best friends and his best ministers.

Association with Christ makes common lives uncommon.

To run small errands for God is to do an angel's work.

Christ's apostles were common men, but being with him made them great.

We may be laborers together with God in giving a cup of cold water as well as in preaching a sermon.

April 30.—How shall we divide our time?—Eccl. 3: 1-15.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

God provides time for everything but sinning. That we steal from him.

Time spent for self should be less than the time spent in service.

The time is doubled that is rightly divided.

He who finds no time for helpfulness will find time for sorrow.

Time not used is a talent abused.

We often spend time in making money that should be spent in making a life.

Misspent time shortens life.

A life that finds no time for pleasure is a mistake; but the greater mistake is a life that devotes all its time to pleasure.

In his gift of time God has given us all other gifts.

Time in heaven is never wasted; only mortals, who have so little, waste it.

May 7.—Patient continuance in well-doing.—Rom. 2: 1-11.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

Some Christians' religion is an intermittent fever.

Faithfulness accomplishes more than genius.

To trust and work in darkness and apparent failure is to possess the faith that God always rewards.

There is no encouragement like the thought that God is still God.

All goals meet perseverance half way.

God's rewards are all worth waiting for.

The glory of the Lord is always revealed to him who works and waits.

Patience is strength.

Sometimes God's mills grind slowly but they are always grinding.

Ours is eternal life and work, so why should we not be patient?

In our columns will be found a card of Theodore F. Gelbart, Engraver and Printer. He has formerly been connected with Tiffany, and Dempsey and Carrol in New York, and has now taken the establishment at 363 Main St. (next to Francis Hardware Store), where the most artistic work will be turned out. All engraving and printing of Wedding Invitations, Announcements and calling Cards, also the cutting of dies for Monograms, Crests, Coats of Arms, done in up-to-date style. Stamping in Colors a specialty. Work for commercial purposes is also done—a full line of samples can be seen by calling at Mr. Gelbart's office.

News of Churches.

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TRINITY CHURCH.

The Easter services were largely attended, four in all.

The Carol service at three o'clock was especially enjoyed by the Sunday-school scholars, who marched from the chapel to the church, two by two, headed by Class number seven, taught by Mr. Cleveland, who won the banner for the best Lenten attendance; and as they passed the chancel handed bouquets to ones awaiting, who quickly transposed a cross of rough wood into an exquisite floral cross, which was sent down to the "Open Hearth," at the close of the service, and there distributed among the less favored ones of the east side.

The Sunday-school offering for "The Society for Foreign and Domestic Missions," through the pyramids, as a memorial to the late Bishop Williams, was over \$1175.

At the parish meeting Easter Monday the following officers were elected:

Col. J. L. Greene and Mr. G. E. Hatch, Wardens; John S. Gray, C. H. Lawrence, L. W. Clarke, C. B. Ingraham, P. C. Royce, L. P. W. Marvin and G. P. Davis, Vestrymen; F. E. Johnson, Clerk; G. P. Davis, Treas.

Among the appropriations was \$500 additional for the choir.

Envelopes for weekly offerings will be distributed this week, and it is earnestly hoped that all receiving them, will use them regularly. Additional packages may be had on application.

WETHERSFIELD METHODIST.

Mar. 31st. The Epworth League gave a measuring social in the church parlors, which was largely attended.

Much enjoyment was derived from those who were measured at the door, paying admission according to their height—two cents for every foot and a cent for every inch over.

During the evening a short entertainment was given by the young ladies, consisting of readings, recitations and music, after which refreshments were served.

There were about 15 present from Parkville.

The League realized about \$30.

The pastor preached his farewell sermon Sunday, Apr. 2nd, and the last week has been attending conference at Mount Vernon.

OLIVET BAPTIST, PARKVILLE.

During the past month five persons were baptized and became members of our church.

The Evangeline Circle gave a ten-cent supper for the benefit of the Y. P. S. C. E. It was a grand success and about \$30 was realized.

The King's Sons and Daughters are soon to give a Japanese Wedding. It is hoped that it will meet with success.

May God prosper all our efforts to earnestly promote his cause.

SECOND ADVENT.

For the first two Sundays of this month we had preaching by Rev. Mr. Richardson of Bristol, Vt., a very able speaker.

For Sundays, Apr. 16th and 23rd, we have secured the services of Rev. Geo. H. Wallace of Bridgeport for preaching, and later we expect Mrs. McKinstry again.

We have extended a second call to Rev. Geo. M. Teeple of New Haven to become our pastor and are at present awaiting his decision.

Sunday evening, Mar. 26th, our Loyal Workers Society held a Thanksgiving Service collecting a free-will offering to aid Rev. A. J. Culver in his mission work in this city. The offering was, of necessity, small, but a cheerful and willing one, and we hoped thereby to do some little good.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL, EAST HARTFORD.

Mr. H. D. Sleeper gave his stereopticon lecture on "The Organ, Its History and Construction," last month. It was highly interesting and instructive. He showed many beautiful slides.

Special services were held during Holy week, the Pastor being assisted by Revs. A. T. Perry, Dr. E. P. Parker, L. W. Hicks, O. W. Means, and Prof. M. W. Jacobus. The services were highly successful in spite of the unfavorable weather. The service Easter was very fine, the church being filled, and excellent music contributing much to the occasion.

A most graphic talk on the mountain whites was given by Miss Ober this month. Her powers of description are remarkable and gave us a new view of that out of the way region.

Much sorrow is felt because our Pastor, Rev. S. A. Barrett, has announced his intention of withdrawing from the pastorate at the close of next month. He is a man of the most sterling character, and during his eight years and a half of ministry has won the affection of the people in a high degree.

FOURTH CONGREGATIONAL.

It is with much regret that we report the loss of our Associate Pastor, Rev. K. F. Norris, who, in his five years' stay with us has endeared himself to us all.

Miss Winnifred Eddy, who has been for six years in the employ of the Connecticut Bible Society, has been engaged as Pastor's Assistant for the coming year, and will enter upon her duties this week.

The ladies of the church are making extensive plans for a Bazaar to be given April 18th and 19th.

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Questions on musical subjects of general interest will be answered in this department.

THE CENTER CHURCH VESPER SERVICE.

BY MR. N. H. ALLEN.

Complying with the request for a brief sketch of the Vesper Service, which for the past eight years has attracted such great congregations Sunday afternoons to the Center Church, let me say at the outset that it is what its name implies, a *service*. Designed with skill, the result of much thought and some experimenting, it has now, after radical changes from its original form, become crystallized, so to say, into a shape that may well remain permanent and in its present form is a rare union of the religious and aesthetic feeling, a grateful departure from severer forms, which have been handed down with few changes from Puritan times.

As a musical service, a complete and compact whole, it has no place for what may be called concert features; nor is it ever advertised in any way, to give the impression that it is in any sense an exhibition of music. It makes no more bid for sensational popularity than do the Vespers of the Romish Church or the morning and evening service of the Episcopal Church.

As a service intended for worship it will bear examination for the disposition of its parts, giving almost equal shares to minister, choir and people, and depending much on the readiness of the congregation to take its part, both orally and in song.

As the outlines of the service are original, so that part of the music which is a detail is original; not from preference so much as necessity, as the nine sentences allotted to the choir in the liturgy are not among those that have commonly been set to music. It should not be understood that anthems, solos or other free selections are excluded. Two such pieces (and occasionally three) are always performed, these chosen, so far as may be, to fit a topic or special occasion.

Another feature, which has attracted the attention of many visiting musicians, is that the choir is composed of six singers, and the music arranged for six independent parts. The increased breadth in the harmony, and the possibility of many combinations of voices, add to the variety, and, it is believed, add also to the churchly quality of the

music. This feature, regarded by some as new, is but a return to a very old custom, as an examination of the music of the old Italian church composers, and those of England and Russia, will show. These composers were rarely content with four parts, and there is no reason today why that number should not be deemed as inadequate in vocal harmony, as they are in all kinds of instrumentation.

I have recently been asked to contribute an article to a prominent musical journal on this phase of the church choir problem. This I have done, and the editor tells me he believes it will awaken an interest among choir directors, many of whom discover no practical alternative from the quartet or volunteer chorus.

It would crowd valuable space, and could be of interest only to musicians, were I to set forth with particularity what I believe to be the advantage of a six-voiced choir. Suffice it to say, that I have the assurance of a considerable number of musicians, who have already made the experiment, that they would wish to adopt it at once but for the scarcity of published music in six parts. This combination of voices approaches the volume and solidity of the eight-voice choir, or double quartet, which as commonly used is but a magnified quartet or minimized chorus.

The history of the Vesper Service is interesting from the fact that it became instantly popular, and keeps its hold upon the congregation that attends, steadily on with very slight fluctuations. Begun cautiously, and announced as a more or less doubtful experiment, it seemed to find favor and fill a want not heretofore supplied. At the outset I could not share the uncertain feeling that some expressed as to its success, as before coming to Hartford I had had seven years' experience with a service in many ways similar, that had a strong hold upon people of all denominations. When I took the position this service had been eight years in operation, and is now in its thirty-sixth year, and, as I am told, with no perceptible diminution of interest; as a friend writes me; "The church is always full to the doors."

In conclusion, it seems clear that the people like a liturgical service, a service with a definite plan, with plenty of music fitted to it, and becoming a part of the plan. As in a musical composition of worth, the form appeals as well as the substance, even though many hearers do not comprehend or stop to consider why this is so.

BUSINESS AND PLEASURE.

Mr. W. E. Wallace has returned from his South Carolina Rose Nurseries, and is now at his Farmington Ave. Nurseries ready for the spring trade.

His present stock has never before been equalled, both in regard to variety quantity and quality, as will be seen from the partial list and description given in his advertisement in another page.

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Some of the prettiest effects of the season in the wall paper line can be seen at H. B. Brainerd's new store, 84 to 88 Pratt St. Also a fine line of draperies.

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The Capitol City Bicycle Co., have opened at Pomeroy's old stand, 291 to 303 Allyn St., with a great variety of bicycles at all prices. In connection with the ladies' salesroom, there is abundant space for practising.

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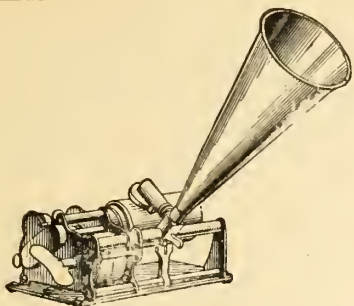
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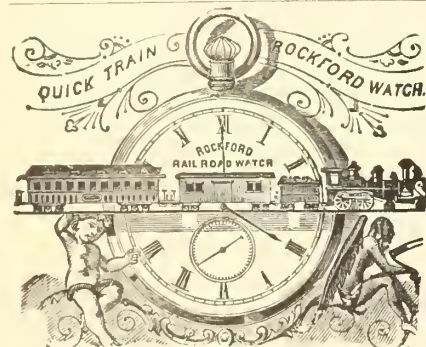
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SOME HINTS ABOUT HEALTH

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THE VENTILATION OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

A most potent factor contributing not only to the discomfort of an audience but in many instances being the direct cause of a serious attack of illness, is to be found in the inadequate means for ventilation in our places of public gathering, churches, theatres, and public halls.

In most instances the only means of ventilation is by the windows and, although plenty of fresh air can be introduced in this way, yet it is only at the risk of health. Every adult requires 3,000 cubic feet of air every hour, and it should be provided in such a way as produces no sensation save that of ease and comfort.

Not only must fresh air be supplied, but the impure air removed. Carbonic acid gas, the most harmful product of respired air, being much heavier than air forms a stratum near the floor and its poisonous effects are more strongly marked in some than in others; producing heaviness in the head and headache; and in some people drowsiness and even sleep. The sole cause of many a so-called "sleepy-sermon" is the impure air of the audience room.

The requisites for ventilation are:—
1st. The introduction of a sufficient quantity of pure air.

This should be warmed before admission so as to render it of an agreeable temperature and should be admitted so as to cause no draughts.

2nd. Means should be provided for the removal of the carbonic acid gas through ventilators placed near the floor, connected with exhaust shafts.

3rd. Ventilators should also be placed in the upper part of the room to carry off the superheated air containing other impurities besides the carbonic acid gas.

The expense is small, especially when included in the original plans of a building and comparatively so, when the discomforts and dangers are considered in buildings where dependence is had upon doors, which should only be used for entrances, and windows which should only be used for the admission of light.

HOW AND HOW NOT TO LIFT A CHILD.

In lifting a child both hands should be used and so placed as to clasp the body about the waist, or hips, and the

body raised without any force being exerted upon the arms.

Every day upon our streets can be seen little children just able to toddle along who have to be carried across the street and over or around obstructions; and the torture that they often-times have to undergo from the thoughtlessness of those who attend them causes many a heartache to a careful observer who feels for them. Usually, with a hand grasped by the mother or other person caring (?) for the child, it is hurried along faster than its little legs can carry it, a portion of its weight being lifted and causing a constant strain upon the arm; when a crossing is reached the mother takes a stronger pull, the child dangles by one arm until the opposite side is reached and then the feet are allowed to partly rest upon the ground again. Sometimes the process will be varied by two persons taking the child between them and each taking a hand when the weight of the child will be divided between two arms which is only one half as bad. But such practices should never be allowed. The arms of a child were never intended to serve as handles for the purpose of lifting or carrying.

I have often wished that such a mother or attendant could be subjected to the same treatment just once, as an object lesson, and not across a very wide street either. I don't believe one of her children would ever be subjected to such treatment again with her consent; when again the difference in the development of the muscles of the adult and child is taken into consideration and the fact that the child's body-weight is larger in proportion to the strength of its arms than in an adult the cruelty is still more magnified.

Strains, dislocations and fractures causing deformity and imperfect use of arm or shoulder, or both, result from such careless use of the arms of a child, which were designed for the child's use in doing things within its strength. It would be impossible for a child weighing thirty pounds to so exert its strength as to lift that amount with one or even both hands, and yet that is what it is compelled to do when the arms are made the handles whereby the child is lifted.



WOMAN'S WORK

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

Mrs. Louise Bunce, president of Hartford Co. W. C. T. U., has arranged for a number of group meetings throughout the county. Two or three Unions uniting in each meeting. Meetings have been held in Bristol,

Newington, Windsor Locks and Parkville, Hartford Union uniting with the latter on April 12. The next one will be in Manchester, April 19th.

The general subject of all the meetings is the same, "Our Local Work." Papers are read on the following topics, "Our Aims," "Our Hindrances," "Our encouragements," each reading being followed by general discussion; after which the county president gives greetings and hints to the workers. These meetings have proved very interesting and profitable.

The Union in Jewett City celebrated the 25th anniversary of its organization on March 28. Mrs. C. B. Forbes, State President, was present to congratulate them, as the oldest Union in the state, and even a little older than the National Union. The occasion was a very pleasant one.

SHELTER FOR WOMEN.

"He that goeth forth and weepeth bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing bringing his sheaves with him."

The hospital, jail and police station have been visited and the Word of Life spoken to the girls found there; religious reading has also been given to them.

Visits have also been paid to our girls who are at work.

Beautiful flowering plants were sent us at Easter time, and an interesting service held, at which there was a large attendance.

Some changes have come to our Home, a few of the girls have gone to places, and others needing help have come in.

The Red Cross is actively engaged in establishing hospitals in Cuba.

The California School Suffrage bill, which passed the assembly two weeks before, passed the Senate on March 8th, and has received the signature of the Governor. In the Senate, the vote stood, ayes 24 and noes 6. Only seven members in the House voted against the bill.

The Oklahoma Woman Suffrage bill, which passed the House almost unanimously, failed in the Senate. In Arizona a like bill had exactly the same fate.

Both Utah and Colorado have made eight hours a legal day's work in the mines. When women vote and legislate, a care for the interests of labor will be one of the first results.

Miss Helen Gould, whose home was turned into a hospital during the burning of the Windsor Hotel adjoining, has been presented with a gold badge by the fire department of New York City, which enables her to go within the fire limits at any time. The letter accompanying it acknowledged the services she had rendered the public and the department.

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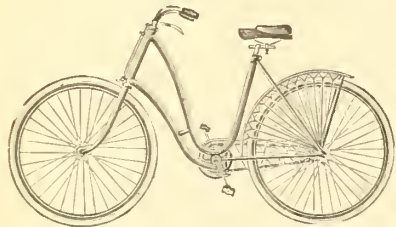
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LITERARY DEPARTMENT

The Century magazine is redeeming its promise to cover the war of 1898 as authoritatively as it did the campaigns of 1861-65, though the late and shorter war demands much less time and space in the magazine, and, in fact, as a magazine feature, the April and May numbers will practically close the series so far as it relates to active operations. In April an article of extraordinary interest and importance is Rear-Admiral Sampson's full and frank statement of the part taken by "The Atlantic Fleet in the Spanish War." Major-General Francis V. Greene gives a full account from personal experience of the actual capture of Manila, and John T. McCutcheon describes the surrender of Manila as viewed from Admiral Dewey's flagship.

The April number of Harper's Magazine contains many valuable illustrated articles including: "Aspects of Rome;" "The Trial of the Oregon;" the third installment of Lodge's "The Spanish-American War;" "Cromwell and His Court," and the second paper by Russell Sturgis on "The Equipment of the Modern City House."

In the April Cosmopolitan, John Brishen Walker continues his interesting study of Mohammed, The Building of an Empire. The first installment of Tolstoy's new story, "The Awakening," appears in this issue.

The other contributions are also very valuable and interesting, and the illustrations are exceptionally fine.

To assist book-lovers to keep in close touch with all the latest publications the Woman's Home Companion has introduced a novel literary feature into its departments, that of noticing books by topics. In the May issue the best books for a mother's library will be discussed.

The Doubleday & McClure Company will publish immediately, under the title of "From Sea to Sea," an authorized edition of the collected letters of travel which Mr. Rudyard Kipling has written at different times between 1890 and 1898.

The Man Without a Country. By Edward Everett Hale. 59 pages, 16 mo. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. Price 50 cents.

As time passes on "The Man Without a Country" remains the most famous American short story. It has become almost a duty, that every American man, woman, and child, should

read it. Its pathos and patriotism is sublime. This story and its influence can never die so long as people are capable of love for their country.

The present new edition contains an introduction by the author in the year of the war with Spain, and an account of the circumstances and incidents of the story's publication. The following is a selection from the story which points its moral. It is Nolan's pitiful words to his boy friend.

"And for your country, boy, and for that flag, never dream a dream but of serving her as she bids you, though the service carry you through a thousand hells. No matter what happens to you, no matter who flatters you or who abuses you, never look at another flag,

be new information to most people that singing insects are bought and sold in Japan, in the same way as song birds are bought and sold here in America. Among other "Exotics" are articles on "The Literature of the Dead" and "Frogs."

Lafcadio Hearn left this country some years ago and went to Japan where he married a Japanese wife and has since made his home there. He has always had a large number of friends in this country. The peculiar charm of his writing which has made him these friends is most apparent in the "Retrospectives." Such fantasies as "First Impressions," "Parfum de Jeunesse," "A Serenade" and "The Eternal Haunter" are full of beautiful thoughts.



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never let a night pass but you pray God to bless that flag. Remember, boy, that behind all these men you have to do with, behind Officers and Government and people even, there is the country herself, your country, and that you belong to her as you belong to your mother."

Exotics & Retrospectives. By Lafcadio Hearn. 299 pages. 12 mo. Boston: Little, Brown & Co.

One is apt, at first, to wonder as to the significance of the title, but upon examining the contents, it becomes apparent that the title is a most harmonious one.

The paper on "Insect Musicians" is uniquely interesting. It will certainly

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The Bagster Art Bible. 281 pages, demy 8 vo. New York: James Pott & Co. Prices \$2.00 and \$2.75.

The great feature of this new edition of the Bible is the illustrations. They are reproductions of famous paintings by the greatest artists, of Biblical subjects. Such of the greatest masters of painting as Dore, Rubens, Raphael, Murillo, Munkacsy, Michael Angelo are represented. The volume itself has been made a work of art. Its illustrations are exquisite, its type, bold long primer, self-pronouncing. The paper is excellent. A new concordance

and references are other features. Numerous maps are included in the volume, which is bound in two styles.

The Bible cannot be given too beautiful a dress and it seems no exaggeration to say that no such handsome edition at such a low price has ever been produced before. Everyone who sees it will be anxious to possess a copy of their own.

David Harum. By Edward Noyes Westcott. 392 pages, 12 mo. New York: D. Appleton & Co. Price \$1.50.

If you ever forget the admonition: "Judge not that ye be not judged," you should read this book. For it is the story of a man whose neighbors looked upon him, some harshly, some pityingly, because he was different from them selves. "David Harum" is such a man as Robert Louis Stevenson would have loved and defended; a man who had ideas of his own as to the right and wrong of things. Extreme kindness under a rough manner is the characteristic of this country banker in whom the author created a new literary type.

Mr. Westcott died before his work was placed before the public. A pity he could not have lived to see the success his book has become.

The Reverend Annabel Lee. By Robert Buchanan. 255 pages, 12 mo. New York: M. F. Mansfield. Price \$1.50. For sale at Belknap & Warfield's.

The author of "God and Man" has written here a story of the far off future, of a time when all things are perfect—save human nature. Mankind has managed to reason itself out of belief in Christ—and yet is not happy. The Rev. Annabel Lee starts to carry once more to men the story of the Saviour. We are left in doubt as to her success and that fact is the greatest fault of the book. The story is very readable and parts show deep thinking of a philosophical nature on the author's part.

The great feature of the book is the poem which, headed "L' Envoi," closes the story. It is true poetry and an inspiring ennobling one, full of such comfort as the hearts of millions of human beings are crying out for.

Cyrano de Bergerac. By Edmond Rostand. 294 pages, 12 mo. New York: R. H. Russell. Price \$1.25.

Cyrano de Bergerac was a real character—a chivalrous swashbuckler and poet and man of honor. Since M. Rostand put him into a play, he has within a year been resurrected and made famous. It is declared that since Victor Hugo no play to compare with Cyrano has been staged in France. Few persons there are but would believe this readily after reading the story. Its pathos is as deep as its humor is rich. It is full of delicate satires, sparkling wit, brilliant repartee.

If we are not greatly mistaken the first publication in America of Cyrano was by Mr. Russell. His translation

was made by Gladys Thomas and Mary F. Guillemard—the latter, we believe, a sister-in-law of the author. This new edition of the book contains several illustrations of the impressionistic order, as well as a portrait of M. Cognelin who first played the title part in France.

Sundown Leflore. By Fredric Remington. 115 pages, 12 mo. New York: Harper & Bros. For sale by Belknap and Warfield.

We reproduce, through the courtesy of the publishers, an illustration from this book, called "The Mystery of the Thunder." It is a characteristic sample of Remington's drawings, of which there are a dozen in the book. But it is the text which is of most importance for it introduces a new character into realistic literature. It is the half-breed Indian; one whose lot is still with the Indians, but who is profoundly interested in the white man, even though

Europe was paralyzed by a great religious strife. The two main characters are valiant Frenchmen, who, though religious enemies, are, notwithstanding, the closest personal friends. They both engage in the famous "Thirty Years' War," under Gustavus Adolphus—The love affair of this great king, of whom a vivid word picture is given, is one of the most touching and beautiful episodes describable.

The whole story is of fascinating interest from beginning to end—the only disappointment to the reader will be that he or she must wait for the sequel which is promised but which, we understand, is not yet issued.

The Cruise of the Cachalot. By Frank T. Bullen. 379 pages, 12 mo. New York: D. Appleton & Co. Price \$1.50.

This is a day of many books and of interesting books, hence it is no great



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MYSTERY OF THE THUNDER.

he sometimes thinks as Sundown says, "White man don' know so much he tink he know."

Sundown's crude philosophy, his comments on things of importance, and his folk-lore reminiscences make him so interesting a character that it seems safe to predict a great popularity for this book. In that case more anecdotes of Sundown will probably be forthcoming.

The Huguenot's Love. By Amedee Achard. 333 pages, 12 mo. New York: Howard, Ainslee & Co. Price \$1.25.

In a former issue we gave high praise to the first volume of the first English version of Achard's romances. It was entitled "Belle-Rose." The volume before us is the most recent issue. It is a romance of that period in the middle of the seventeenth century when all

venture to assert that "The Cruise of the Cachalot" has a greater fascination, a more vital attractiveness of style than has Dana's much lauded "Two Years Before the Mast," which to an extent it resembles.

The book is an account of the cruise of a South Sea whaler named "The Cachalot." We learn that "Cachalot" is the name of the sperm-whale, and learn also much else regarding the sea that is not common knowledge. The story is simply told but it is full of force and power—because the author knows his subject thoroughly and seems absolutely sure of his facts. That rare and valuable thing, a public letter of commendation from Rudyard Kipling, is inserted in the front of the volume.

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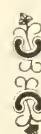
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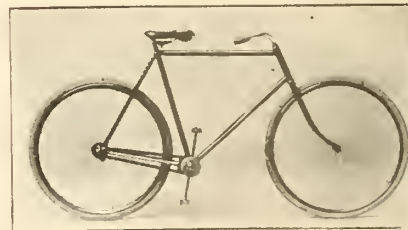


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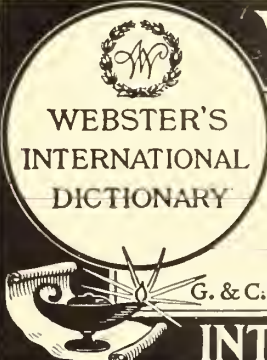
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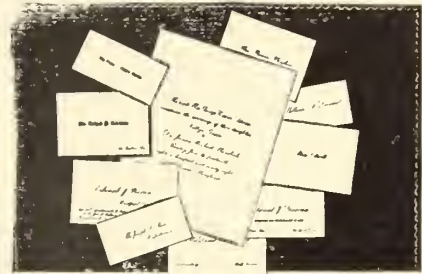
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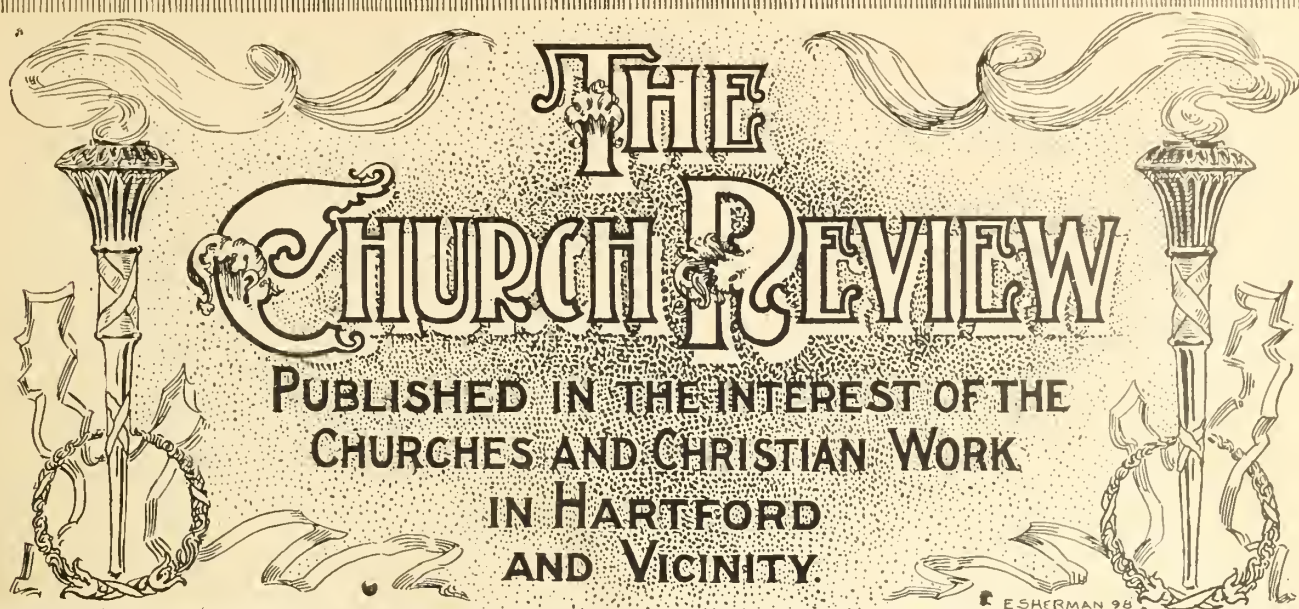
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When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home,

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark.

For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crost the bar.

—Tennyson.

THE SPECIAL MISSION OF THE LAW AND ORDER LEAGUE OF CONNECTICUT.

Primarily the object or mission of the Law and Order League is to secure in all legitimate ways the enforcement of existing laws, but if I am fully to comprehend the real purpose of those who support this organization, it is to remedy an evil which confronts us on every hand, namely, disregard for law, or, to use a more common expression of mine "organized lawlessness."

While there may be differences of opinion among good men as to methods, there can be none as to existing conditions. The laws enacted for the promotion of peace and happiness and the protection of life and property are not enforced. If the constituted machinery

of the law is sufficient to do the work, but does not do it, then some remedy is required. If, on the other hand, the law enforcing machinery is inadequate or incapable of performing the duties required, a remedy is also needed. It matters not which horn of the dilemma we choose, the people suffer and cry out for relief.

After a careful investigation, by well-known citizens of this state, it was decided to form an association to be called the Law and Order League of Connecticut. Its primary object, as above stated, was to assist in the enforcement of those laws which affect public morals, but the board of directors of this league has had a far reaching object or purpose in mind from the beginning, namely to educate or create public sentiment to the end that the machinery for the enforcement of law may be so changed as to meet the requirements, and that the law may be enforced by the government itself without the aid of a voluntary organization, or any independent agency.

Eight year's experience has convinced me that the non-enforcement of law is not so much attributable to corruption and inefficiency on the part of officials as to insufficiency or inadequateness of the constituted machinery of law; that is to say, the present machinery for the enforcement of law is no longer capable of doing the work for which it was instituted. I know that many good people will refuse to accept this proposition, but I believe it capable of demonstration to any unprejudiced mind. Our system for the enforcement of law was established many years ago when conditions were far different than at present when the sheriff and constable were important personages. Today these officials in our country towns are absolutely helpless against combinations of crime and self-interest. It is well known, too, that in all our cities

the police are seldom free from political, business and personal influences which render the best service impossible. Again, it should be remembered that every policeman is as well known to the lawbreaker as to the members of his own family; all sorts of devices and schemes are resorted to in order to evade the watchful eye of the honest officer.

"Organized lawlessness" must be reckoned with in any attempt to right existing wrongs. What is needed is a new system by which criminals of all sorts may be apprehended and punished. No man deplores more than I do the necessity of an organization like the Law and Order League, but I have said again and again, and now repeat, "as at present constituted the law enforcing machinery of the state is no longer capable of fulfilling its mission and an organization of this kind is a sheer necessity if the laws are to be enforced."

The mere assertion that "the regular authorities can enforce the law if they want to," falls of its own weight. These officers are elected or appointed, as the case may be, for the very purpose of enforcing the law and they are sworn to a faithful performance of their duty. If the law is not enforced anywhere as it should be, which is admitted by everybody possessed of average sense, either the officers *can* but *will not*, or they *can not*. Which? My experience leads me to say unhesitatingly that it is the latter. I am informed by officers of every grade that they are unable to enforce the law against certain classes of lawbreakers. The first money ever paid to the Law and Order League was by the chief of police of one of our large cities who said to me: "Mr. Thrasher I am criticised for permitting law breaking institutions to exist, but I cannot help it. Every man on the force is known to these fellows and we cannot make a move without their knowing it. We

have no fund to employ private detectives, so I must pay the bill myself. I want you to see what you can do." We went to his assistance and in less than a week had twenty-seven criminals at the bar of the city court. Our assistance has been called in officially in a score of places where the heads of departments have admitted that they were helpless.

The special mission of the Law and Order League, then, is to agitate this question of the non-enforcement of law by making practical demonstrations of two facts; first, *The law is not enforced*; second, *The law can be enforced*. A continuous and wisely directed effort along these lines will bring beneficial results. The work already accomplished by the League has done much to create public sentiment in favor of the change suggested.

In England, where it is admitted that the law is better enforced than in any other part of the world, the central government practically controls the whole system for apprehending and punishing criminals. There the police authority is decentralized, and it must be here if the laws are to be enforced. The Law and Order League is working to that end.

S. P. Thrasher.

VESUVIUS.

"Vesuvius," says Goethe, "is a peak of hell, rising out of paradise."

This volcanic vent to the Plutonic regions below has an interesting history. The ancient world knew Vesuvius, but it was in the year 79 A. D. that it became famous. Awful was its work that year.

Pompeii was a very ancient city, lying in the shadows of Vesuvius. On August 24, 79, Vesuvius flung from its fiery depths ashes and cinders until Pompeii, with its sister city, Herculaneum, were covered up and embalmed. The first result of the eruption was a shower of ashes which covered the city to the depths of three feet. Either unwilling to escape, or having returned to secure their treasures, hundreds of the citizens were still there when a shower of red-hot stones overwhelmed the city to a depth of seven feet. This was followed by a succession of showers of ashes and scoriae, or volcanic cinders, until the city was covered to a depth of fifteen or twenty feet. There the mummied city lay hidden and almost forgotten for nearly seventeen centuries.

Since 79 the eruptions of Vesuvius number at least sixty. Of these a few have been notable. Two and a half centuries ago, when the sides of the mountain were covered with trees and a numerous population had gathered about its base, the mountain, "sweating fire," poured forth many streams of lava and torrents of boiling water, overwhelmed the towns at the base and destroyed the lives of 3,000 persons.

Over a century later—1770—occurred one of the grandest displays of igneous and aqueous splendors conceivable. "White smoke like heaps of cotton rose four times as high as the mountain,

and spread about it in proportional extent. Into these clouds stones, scoriae, and ashes were projected at least 10,000 feet high. On subsequent days columns of fire shot forth three times as high as the mountain, and large masses of rock were thrown out."

In recent times, the eruption of 1872 is most notable. For several months there was an unusual outpouring of smoke and flame. This was followed by a great flow of lava, desolating a large tract of cultivated land, and destroying villages and many lives. The streets of Naples, eight miles away, were covered with several inches of fine black sand.

Vesuvius stands alone on the plain of Campania, on a base about thirty miles in circumference. The ascent from the bay is a gradual slope to the base of the cone. Its height varies after each eruption, but is about three-fourth of a mile.

In his travels around the world, Dr.

for the other way takes us by railway to within a few rods of the very top. Then we pick our way cautiously over the streaming vent holes and across the hot sulphur and burning ashes until we stand on the ridge of the crater, and hear below us the sullen, awful 'swash' of the lake of fire and brimstone.

"One cannot always see the seething lake itself because it is generally hidden by the almost continuous sulphurous fumes which rise from its surface. But that which is not visible to one sense is audible to another, and the beating of that lake of molten fire upon the sides of the imprisoning mountain seemed to me the most awful sound I ever heard. More vivid than ever before was the dreadful Scripture imagery which typifies of the final destruction of those who hate all that is good and true.

"A few days after a visit which I once paid to this crater, two gentlemen were standing on the very edge, where a



VESUVIUS AND NAPLES.

F. E. Clark visited Naples and ascended Vesuvius. He thus describes the ascent in "Our Journey Around the World:" "There are two ways of ascending Vesuvius. The old-fashioned way takes us on horseback from the guide's house near Pompeii through vineyards and villages, and across the ashes and pumice and scoriae of a hundred eruptions, to the base of the volcanic cone itself. Then we dismount from our horses, leave them in the hands of some villainous-looking guides who are waiting to devour as much of the substance of the average traveler as they can lay their hands on without getting into jail, and then make the sharp, steep climb on foot to the very summit. This is not a holiday task, by any means, and I do not recommend it to those who do not have stout muscles and strong lungs and a good degree of physical endurance. It is, however, the more picturesque and romantic method,

little while before I had stood unconscious of any danger, when the fumes from the pit being blown that way by a peculiarly strong gust of wind they were overcome by it. Blinded and suffocated they fell headlong into the dreadful lake which boiled and blistered beneath. The only circumstance which mitigated the dreadful accident was that their sufferings must have been absolutely momentary."

It is quite a mistake to think that "Culture" means to paint a little, to sing a little, to dance a little, and to quote passages from the latest popular books. As a matter of fact culture means nothing of the kind. Culture means mastery over self, politeness, charity, fairness, good temper, good conduct. Culture is not a thing to make a display of; it is something to use so modestly, that people do not discover all at once that you have it.

REV. EDWARD SYLVESTER
FERRY.

Rev. Edward Sylvester Ferry, who has been appointed to succeed Rev. W. A. Richard as pastor of South Park M. E. Church, began his duties Sunday, April 16th.

Mr. Ferry comes to Hartford from the Winsted Methodist Church where he has completed a five years' pastorate, the limit according to the rules of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. Edward S. Ferry was born in Newark, N. J., December 29, 1857. His early education was received at Newark and later at the Seminary at Pennington, N. J., where he graduated in 1873.

Although ready for college at that time, he was thought too young to send and so did not enter Wesleyan University at Middletown until a year later.

Graduating from Wesleyan in 1878 he took a three years' course at Drew Theological Seminary and in 1881 joined the Newark Conference. In 1884 he was transferred to the Minnesota Conference, remaining in the west two years. He joined the New York East Conference in 1886 and for three years was pastor at Riverhead and Bayshore, L. I. In 1889 he became pastor of the Rye, N. Y., church, remaining five years.

He was then appointed to the Winsted church, from which he has come to South Park M. E. Church, Hartford.

Mr. Ferry is a deep thinker and is in every sense of the word a good preacher. He has served the church 18 consecutive years and has thus far made a most successful record.

He is indeed an able minister of Jesus Christ and is entirely devoted to the work of his life and choice.

His sermons are useful as well as encouraging and inspiring, furnishing food for both saint and sinner. He lives as he preaches and is ever busy in good works.

He has been very successful in working with young people, and with his social disposition soon makes friends

with old and young.

Mr. Ferry was married in May, 1881. His wife, who is a great help to her husband in his ministry, was two years a student at Wellesley College, and is an active worker in the church.

Three sons and a daughter accompany Mr. and Mrs. Ferry to their new home, and are now continuing their studies in the South school.

Mr. Ferry has already commenced his labors at South Park in earnest, and a most successful and prosperous year is anticipated.

SOUTH PARK M. E. CHURCH.

This church appears in the Conference Minutes for the first time in the Spring of 1870, with the Rev. N. G. Cheney as pastor, a membership of 105, and 162 scholars in the Sunday-School, of which William Boardman was superintendent. The new society was organized in the Spring preceding (1869) by 55 members from the First Church and others. Several previous attempts had been made to plant the standard of Methodism in the south part of the city, the first dating as far back as 1848, and this one in particular was very promising for a while, but through division of counsel and bad financial management, the enterprise was wrecked. Most of the members returned to the First Church, but others were lost to the denomination. The chapel in which worship was first held was located where St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church now stands, the Rev. H. J. Cox, pastor of the First Church, supplying the pulpit. Over 100 conversions oc-

curred under his preaching here.

At the time of Mr. Cheney's pastorate of what has, from the date of the new effort, been known as the South Park Church, the congregation worshiped in a frame building, just north of the present edifice, a part of which was converted into a chapel.

The Rev. Charles Bachman succeeded Mr. Cheney as pastor in 1872, and remained two years. The church was prospered, and Mr. Bachman closed his labors with a considerably increased membership and a growing Sunday-school.

The next pastor was the Rev. I. E. Smith, who remained until the Spring of 1876. In August, 1874, the cornerstone of the present brick edifice was laid, and in April following the building was dedicated, Bishop E. G. Andrews preaching in the morning, and the Rev. R. R. Meredith, in the evening.

The Rev. Arza Hill succeeded Mr. Smith as pastor, in 1876, and was re-appointed the following Spring. During the latter part of his second year the religious outlook was encouraging.

The Rev. W. H. Wardell, who followed him in 1878, received a considerable number his first year, as the fruits of the revival in Hartford under the labors of Moody and Pentecost. At the end of three years, Mr. Wardell was followed by the Rev. C. S. Williams, who remained one year, but in this short pastorate, a debt of \$2,000 on the church edifice was removed, and a house was secured for a parsonage by the placing of a mortgage upon the church building and another upon the



THE SOUTH PARK METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

house itself.

The Rev. M. D. Buell was the next pastor, serving until the early summer of 1884. A large number were added to the church, mostly from the Sunday-school, and some needed additions were made to the church furnishings.

The Rev. S. L. Beiler succeeded Mr. Buell in August, 1884. The Chapel was built at this time, by Mr. William Boardman, as a memorial to his sainted wife, and presented to the Church as an expression of his interest in the Sunday-school, of which he was the first superintendent.

Mr. Beiler's successor was the Rev. A. S. Kavanagh, appointed in the Spring of 1886, and under whom many additions were made to the membership, the auditorium was refrescoed, a better musical instrument was added, and a handsome memorial window, the gift of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Galusha Owen, deceased, was placed at the left of the pulpit.

The Rev. A. MacRossie was successor to Mr. Kavanagh, and remained until 1891. The membership continued to increase, the auditorium was enlarged, and a handsome organ was presented to the society, the gift of Mrs. Mary J. Munsill. Under his pastorate a class was organized at Parkville.

The Rev. George Adams succeeded Mr. MacRossie, remaining two years, doing earnest work in and out of the pulpit, and winning some souls to Christ. He was succeeded in 1894 by Rev. W. A. Richard, who has just completed a five years pastorate. Two hundred members have been received into the church, all mortgages and debts canceled, and a new parsonage erected; and today, the society was never in a more prosperous condition. Outside of his church, he has served faithfully the State, being Chaplain of the House in 1897 and of the Senate in 1899.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL RALLY AT TRINITY CHURCH.

JUNE 4th, 1899.

The third Sunday in January, in accordance with a recommendation of the Convention meeting in Washington, the Episcopal Sunday-schools of Hartford joined in a union service at Christ Church, the mother church of Hartford, for instruction in missions.

The church was well filled, and the addresses were very interesting, and the Sunday-school of Trinity Church had such an enjoyable time, that they began to look forward to the time when they could return the compliment at their own church.

The season has now come, when fine weather can be expected, and so June 4th has been selected as the day for a grand Sunday-school Missionary Rally of all the Episcopal Sunday-schools of Hartford and vicinity including, Windsor, Wethersfield, East Hartford and West Hartford.

For that occasion it was desirable to have an address from some one closely identified with Sunday-school mission work, and so the Rev. Herman L.

Duhring of Philadelphia, who makes it a special work, under the auspices of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, of visiting the Sunday-schools in the various parts of the country, has kindly promised to be with us that day, in response to the invitation extended to him.

The Rev. Mr. Harriman of Windsor, the Secretary of the Diocese, is expected to make an address also.

Some of the schools have chartered special cars, but those who have not, and those who are going to walk, are requested to come in a body, and come by the way of Farmington Ave., as far as practical, where a delegation will meet them and conduct them to the Parish House, where a committee will be in readiness to receive them.

Each school that has banners is requested to bring them, or have them sent to the church; for as soon as all have arrived they will be assigned places in line, and join in a procession from the chapel to the church, where they will march up the aisles to their seats, which will be assigned by numbers attached to the seat sections, each school being given its number before entering.

The hymns to be sung are the ones furnished on the programme, sent in advance to each school, to be rehearsed, thus assuring hearty singing, and adding to the attractiveness of the service.

When the service is over, a cordial invitation is extended to inspect our new church, chapel and parish house, and feel at home in our own House of God.

The order of service, beginning at 4 p. m., is as follows:—

Processional (with banners)	253, 2d tune.
The Lord's Prayer.	
Versicles (Festal)	Tallis.
Hymn,	249, 1st tune.
Scripture Lesson.	
Hymn,	250, 1st tune.
The Creed.	
Versicles (shorter form, morning prayer)	(Festal) Tallis.
Collects.	
Hymn,	580, tune 196, "America."
Address of Welcome.	
Address, Rev. Herman L. Duhring of Philadelphia, Pa.	
Hymn,	528, 1st tune.
Address.	
Offertory, for benefit of Junior Auxiliary of the Diocese of Connecticut.	
"Praise God from Whom all blessings flow."	
Benediction.	

The hymns with designated tunes will be found in "Hutchins Church Hymnal."

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The Twenty-first Anniversary Exercises of the Young Men's Christian Association were held in the First Methodist Episcopal Church last Sunday evening. President Jewell presided and with a few well chosen remarks in regard to the possibility of closing the year with the financial obligations of the Association all met, introduced the Rev. Dr. J. Henry

Smythe of Philadelphia, who eloquently and forcibly illustrated the turning points in a young man's life.

The Association is actively engaged at present in giving a series of receptions under the auspices of the Membership Committee to the employees of the different manufacturing companies. A basketball game is played during the evening preceded and followed by an orchestral concert. The first one was a very successful and enjoyable affair and was given to the men employed in the different departments of the Pope Manufacturing Company's plant in this city. On the 24th, the second in the series will be given to the following companies,—Billings & Spencer, Pratt & Whitney Co., Pratt & Cady Co., Hartford Machine Screw Co., Hartford Typewriter Co., Sigourney Tool Co., Smith, Bourne & Co., and the Perkins Electric Switch Co. The baths will be thrown open for inspection from 7 to 8 p. m., and the building from 9 to 10 p. m.

Good news comes from the Parkville Methodist church that they are crowded for room and must have a new building. News of this sort is all too scarce, and so all the more welcome. By all means let everybody lend a hand toward the proposed building.

WARBURTON CHAPEL.

The mothers of the Kingergarten children held a meeting on the afternoon of May 5th.

The little folks were very happy and entertaining hosts, and enjoyed showing their parents how well they could do their work.

On the following Monday the children attended a May party at the East Hartford Center kindergarten.

The Mission Circle held its last meeting for the season on May 8th.

The sewing school gave an exhibition of its work on the 11th and 12th.

Much praise was given to the scholars and their teacher, Miss Lizzie J. Holcomb, for the progress made during the season, and the quality of the work exhibited. An interesting assortment of hand work was also displayed including hand woven linen, woolen, the cotton, Mexican work, and fine doilies. This collection was secured from parents and teachers.

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Miss Pye with her club of girls celebrated their closing meeting by a trolley ride to Burnside.

Our young people have accepted the invitation from the First Church Society to meet with them on Sunday evenings.

Miss Mildred E. Camp who has been a teacher at the Chapel for several years, recently accepted a position in the quartet of the Center Church of Meriden.

Mr. A. W. Mucklow has taken the class formerly taught by Miss Camp.

The chains of habit are generally too small to be felt till they are too strong to be broken.



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL.

The Year Book of the congregation has been published and distributed. It shows a membership of six hundred and fifty-five.

A very pleasant entertainment was given at Unity Hall, April 12, for the benefit of the mission works of the Junior Auxiliary. It was a presentation of Mrs. Jarley's Wax Works.

Our Young Peoples Society gave an exhibition of photographs on May 6th. Mr. Will Clark, Miss Elizabeth Stone and Mr. Hitchcock contributed to the collection in the exhibit. The pastor and several members welcomed those who came and a social hour was enjoyed. Light refreshments were served.

The Seventy-third Anniversary of the Congregational Home Missionary Society takes place this week, May 23, 24, and 25.

NEW BRITAIN AVE. MISSION.

Mr. Townsend has kindly donated and has placed in the chapel a number of Welsbach burners which are much appreciated in our evening services.

The King's Blossoms, for their Home Mission work for the summer are carrying flowers and papers to the hospital on Saturday afternoons, especially to the children's ward.

A neat new sign has recently been placed on the chapel front, which informs passers of the order of services for the week.

The King's Daughters have purchased a matting for the floor of the large audience room which will add not a little to the comfort of our already pleasant quarters.

May 21st, Rev. Mr. Forbes of the Wethersfield Ave. Congregational church, gave a deeply interesting and impressive discourse. His theme was the solemn and high duties and privileges of every day home-life, with Jesus as guest, drawn from the words of Jesus to Zacharias, "Today I must abide at thy house."

MEMORIAL BAPTIST.

The pastor and his wife gave a reception to the church and congregation at their new home, 69 Congress St., on the evening of May 5th.

A chorus has been organized under the leadership of Mr. F. M. Taylor which will arrange for special music and also for concerts from time to time.

A beautiful cantata was rendered by this chorus on the evening of Easter

Sunday. The first concert was given May 19th, the proceeds of which went to the organ fund. Mrs. Courtland R. Baldwin is the accompanist.

Her many friends will be sorry to hear that Mrs. Dwight Burnham is very ill.

A social has been arranged by the young people for Friday evening of this week.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER.

The operetta, for which our young people have been preparing for the past two or three weeks, was produced on Thursday and Friday evenings, May 18th and 19th, before two good-sized and very appreciative audiences.

The operetta, entitled "Professor T. DeWink," Mesmerist, was composed for the Guild by Mr. Geo. H. Hebard, Superintendent of the Sunday-school, and was given by the Guild four years ago, with much success.

Mr. Herbert E. Belden appeared again as the Professor, and handled this difficult role in a highly creditable manner.

The subjects, numbering about fifteen, went through their various "turns," and assumed the actions of a person under the mesmeric influence so effectually that the performance was unanimously pronounced an improvement on the "real thing."

The young people have every reason to be proud of the success of their entertainment.

WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

With pleasant weather there has been an increase in attendance at the church services. The church and congregation gave our late singer and organist, Mrs. Daniels, a surprise visit at her home on Hartford Ave. A gift of their appreciation was presented by Rev. Mr. Elsdon.

The annual meeting and supper of the King's Daughters was held in the church parlor on Friday afternoon, May 19th.

WETHERSFIELD METHODIST.

The Epworth League held their monthly business meeting Wednesday, May 3d.

The ladies of the church will give an informal reception at the parsonage Friday evening, May 26th, that all the members of the congregation may meet the new pastor, Rev. Geo. L. Coburn.

The members of the Sunday-school are now engaged preparing the program "In His Steps," for Children's Day service.

ASYLUM HILL CONGREGATIONAL.

The last regular meeting of the season of the Mission Band was held Monday, May 15th. There has been interest and faithful work during

the winter, and we look forward to an even more successful season, next year.

The 'Teachers' Club' held a meeting May 15th, at 6 o'clock in the chapel. After tea an able address was given on the "Sermon on the Mount."

Miss May Jones has sailed for Europe to be gone until November. She will be greatly missed from our church, as well as from North St., where she has been the head of the social settlement.

The "Daisy Chain" took part in the Missionary Rally given at the Pearl St. Church on Saturday, May 15th. Miss Jones is president of the society, and has interested the children in the cause of missions to a marked degree.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

Sunday, May 14th, the Choral Service at half past three was well attended. An address was made by Miss Huntington on missions among the Chinese. A description of the queer ways and customs of the Chinese people proved very interesting. There are earnest workers there trying to teach Christianity; but the field is a large one.

Monday, May 15th, a social meeting of the quartette and vested choir of the church and the Daughters of the King was held at the Memorial House.

Whist playing was enjoyed, interspersed with readings by Miss Gelbart, which were very entertaining and well rendered.

Light refreshments were served by the Daughters of the King. Dancing closed the evening's entertainment.

The loss of the Baptismal Font which fell Thursday evening, May 18th is to be regretted by all parishioners. It was a beautiful piece of work and had stood thirty years and served an instrument in a large number of baptisms. The supports directly under the font had become weakened and caused the heavy memorial (to the three younger children of Mr. and Mrs. S. Colt) to fall.

Thursday, May 25th, the annual Parish Meeting will be held at the Memorial House.

Reports of Church and Sunday-school work and societies will be read.

A social time and entertainment will follow.

The Daughters of the King and The Girls' Friendly Society will continue their meetings until June.

WEST HARTFORD CONGREGATIONAL.

The subject "The Future of Religion and the delightful social was given by the ladies of the Southwest district. A musical and literary entertainment was furnished by the young people, at the close of which refreshments were served. The church was glad to welcome several newcomers on this occasion.

Classes for instruction in voice-culture has been organized by the organist Mr. Fred S. Smith. About twenty-

five of the young people of the church have joined. Occasionally, they act as a chorus choir at the evening services, and have given much pleasure by their singing.

Sunday, May 21st, was observed as "Sunday-school Day." The pastor preached a most earnest sermon on the duty of church members toward the Sunday-school. At the regular session of the school, it was a pleasure to have a large number of the members of the Home Department present. The superintendent, Mr. Hall, made a short address of welcome, after which Miss Stock, the head of the Primary work of the State Sunday-school Union, taught the lesson of the day. It was especially adapted to the children, but the older members watched the clever chalk work, and listened to lesson story with as much interest as if they were in the Primary class. In the afternoon, a conference on Sunday-school work, led by Mr. Geo. Demming, Miss Stock, and Mr. Prior of Hartford, was well attended by the officers and teachers of the school, and several valuable suggestions for the work were received. The evening service consisted of a report from the Atlanta Sunday-school convention by Mr. Prior, who was delegated to it, and an account of the Sunday-school work of the State Union, by Mr. Demming, its secretary.

WINDSOR METHODIST.

The annual Conference has returned our pastor, Rev. Edward O. Tree to us for the third year. The church was decorated with a floral display on Sunday, April 16, as a welcome as he entered upon another term of service among us. The church year opens with much promise.

The Ladies' Aid Society held a successful tea at the church on the afternoon of April 26th. Mrs. James Bevans the newly elected President is handling the work with much skill.

The Epworth League recently held an enjoyable sociable at the parsonage. At a meeting of the cabinet it was decided to hold a Lawn Party in June.

UNITY CHURCH.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Alliance was held April 6th, at which reports were read and the following officers chosen: Pres., Mrs. S. J. Crane; vice-pres., Mrs. Mulligan; secy. and treas., Mrs. Eaton; corresponding secy., Mrs. Dickinson.

A stereoptican entertainment was given by the Unity Social Club April 18th, under the management of Mr. Charles R. Nason. A very fine collection of Hartford views, old and new, was presented. Mr. William H. Honiss giving a running commentary on the exhibition, which added greatly to the interest.

On April 23rd, Mr. White exchanged with the Rev. Mr. Lane of Rockville, who gave us a very fine sermon on "Sympathy."

On April 28th, the regular children's

social was held and was as enjoyable as usual.

The Valley Conference of Unitarian churches was held in Willimantic May 15th, and 16th. The delegates from the Hartford Society were: Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Root, Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Kimball. Mr. Waite delivered the sermon on Tuesday, on the subject "Religion of the Future."

Mr. Waite's conversation class has adjourned until fall.

FIRST METHODIST.

The annual business meeting of the Epworth League was held Monday evening, May 8th, at which occurred the election of officers for the coming year.

Following is a list of the officers elected:

Pres., Mr. Joseph Archer; 1st vice-pres., Mr. Gustafson; 2nd vice-pres., Mrs. Burlingham; 3rd vice-pres., Miss Alice L. Wooley; 4th vice-pres., Miss Grace Coe; sec'y., Miss A. B. Lyman; treas., Mr. J. W. Carey.

The regular devotional meeting of the League was held Sunday evening, and the reports of the several officers were read.

The Rev. Dr. J. H. Smythe, of Philadelphia preached in the evening in the interest of the Y. M. C. A.

SECOND ADVENT.

After a years vacant pastorate, but well-supplied pulpit, this church is again to be favored with the ministrations of a pastor.

Rev. Geo. M. Teeple of New Haven ed to him a short time ago. He has accepted the call which was extends his labors here the first of June.

An able speaker, and of genial presence, we bespeak for him the friendship and full confidence of the ministry of this city, and of the public at large.

One of our number has been removed from our midst by death lately. Mrs. Phoebe Pierson, one of our oldest members, and for a number of years, a deaconess.

FIRST BAPTIST.

The following letter from Dr. Stone will give some idea of how our Men's Sunday afternoon meetings strike a visitor:

"I desire to express my sense of great value of the work at the 4 o'clock meetings for men. This surely is Christ's work. Do not allow anything to beat you back from this conviction. I am half aware at least of difficulties in it; but they are everywhere. I was never so much impressed as yesterday with the great possibilities of the meeting, and also that you have been led by the Holy Spirit in projecting it and carrying it forward. God bless you in it evermore! I wish you had more help. I wish I could frequently help, but we are all hedged in by limitations."

Yours in Christian love,

GEO M. STONE.

The Roll call held April 13 was a decided success. The clerk called the roll and a large proportion of our membership were either present or were represented.

Wednesday evening the 3rd the Tuesday Club held an open night, to which about 70 young people were invited. The club have been studying Scott this winter and the evening was decidedly Scottish in its character. The parlors were very prettily decorated.

The Young Men's League held its closing meeting Tuesday, May 16th. It was "Ladies Night" and the League closed a most successful season with the best meeting yet held. A large number were present. Rev. J. H. Spencer of North Adams made an address, Miss Grace Weir, Mr. D. Parsons Goodrich, and Mr. Clarence Shumway sang solos, and Mr. Sanderson of the Theological Seminary gave several humorous selections. The evening was thoroughly enjoyable.

PARKVILLE METHODIST CHURCH.

Several of the members of our Woman's Foreign Missionary Society went to New Britain on May 20th and had the pleasure of hearing Miss Rudisiel describe her work in India.

plants, and festoons and spirals of ever-

The Epworth League Anniversary was celebrated on the evening of Sunday, May 14th. An address on "Look up" was delivered by Mr. P. E. Shoemaker, the president; "Read up," by Miss Jessie Turner, vice-president of the Literary dept.; "Lift up," by Mrs. Arthur D. Rouse of the Mercy and Help dept.; "Cheer up," by Mr. J. B. Whelan of the Social dept. The secretary had been so busy that he had nothing to say on his subject. "Write up." Mr. E. F. Huntington, the treasurer, however urged delinquent members to "Pay up," and the pastor, Rev. Wm. M. Carr, closed with "Sum up."

The Sunday-school Board have appointed a committee to secure an appropriate spot for an outing to be enjoyed soon.

The "Vincent Wheel Club" of our Epworth League have started out with quite a list of members for the season, each one signing the pledge not to use their wheels on Sunday under any circumstances.

The Ladies' Aid Society have purchased a new piano.

The Junior League is prospering under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Whelan. Next Sunday, May 28th, Mr. Miller of the Humane Society will address the boys and girls.

Mr. Cornelia Forbes of Wethersfield Ave., recently gave an interesting talk on Temperance.

The Osborne Praying Band will conduct the prayer meeting at the New Britain M. E. church, Friday, May 26th.

God is richly blessing our people. Conversions have occurred almost every week since Conference, the tenth

of April.

A committee of five was appointed by First Quarterly Conference to secure plans for a new church building. The committee consists of Mr. F. H. Turner, chairman, Mr. Marvin Pulver, Mr. Jones Adams, Mr. A. E. Doty and Mr. George P. Fuller.

Our church has been in existence only five years, and already our temporary church is inadequate. We have nearly three hundred members and probationers and our main audience room seats only two hundred. We are crowded. Who will help us build? None of our people are rich, and yet every one will give to the best of his ability to a new church enterprise. While we are already carrying a debt of \$4,700 on church and parsonage, there is no better field for an investment for eternity than is offered right here in the manufacturing district of Hartford. Brother, sister, whom God has blessed, come and see how imperative our needs, and you will need no further invitation to extend us material aid.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH. WETHERSFIELD.

We much regret the long-continued illness of sister Barbara M. Bailey, who has been confined to the house for many months with asthma.

Sunday, May 21st, we held a special service in the afternoon, which was very enjoyable and profitable; Pastor Pile preaching with great force and earnestness of the indument of the Holy Spirit. In honor of his daughter, Mrs. John Burtles, of London, England, who was present at the service, the hall had been very prettily decorated with cut flowers, potted plants, and festoons and spirals of evergreen,—the work of sisters Giebelhausen, Paghan, Weston, Smith, and Flora M. Clark, aided by several of the brethren. Back of the pulpit a frame hung on the wall, neatly bordered with evergreen, and containing the word "Welcome." Sister Burtles took part in the service, and sang one of the Gospel hymns as a solo. After the service she addressed the congregation in a few words, expressing much appreciation for the kind and unexpected demonstration on her behalf. She has now gone for a short visit in New Jersey, and after seeing a few sights in this country, including Niagara Falls, she expects to return to her husband, in England, and will doubtless worship with us again before her departure. She has never been in America before. Bro. J. Arthur Smith took part, as a violinist, in the service mentioned. Two ladies came all the way from Windsor, attracted by the blessed name of the church, "Christian," which was first given to the disciples at Antioch.

WINDSOR CONGREGATIONAL

The Endeavor Society is looking forward with interest to the meeting of

the Northern Section of the Hartford Union, which is to be held here in June. Windsor is a pleasant place in June, and to those who attended the last meeting held here in February, 1898, we say, "Come again and bring every other Endeavorer in our section with you."

TRINITY CHURCH, WETHERSFIELD.

The Sunday-school has purchased a portrait of our late Bishop and the unveiling took place in the parish house last Sunday. This picture, with several others which have been contributed, add greatly to the appearance of the parish house.

The entertainment and art exhibit given last month by the "United Workers" was a success.

The Junior Auxiliary meetings, which were largely attended and enjoyed Saturday afternoon through Lent, have adjourned until fall.

The "United Workers" will give tableaux illustrating some of Gibson's pictures, on Monday evening. May the twenty-ninth.

PEARL ST. CONGREGATIONAL.

Preparations for "moving day" are occupying most of our attention at present, and we will probably have little to report until after Sept. 1st, when we enter our new home. As the work of cleaning and grading up progresses, the critics who wrote of "breweries" and "dismantled cruisers" are wondering if they were not somewhat premature, and the real beauty of the new edifice is winning friends daily. If this is true of the exterior, it is doubly so of the interior—really the important part of a church—which is wonderfully beautiful in its white purity, and will easily be one of the "show churches" of New England.

SUFFIELD ST. BAPTIST.

Under the auspices of the C. E. Society a Poverty Social was held at the home of Mr. Allardyce. The fines amounted to a little more than a dollar. Some of the costumes were unique and amusing.

The members of the Sunday-school are planning Children's Day exercises.

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL.

Large congregations have assembled on the bright Spring mornings, with which the last month has gladdened our hearts.

On the first Sabbath in May, six young people united with the church. There were also additions by letter. In the afternoon was a service of infant baptism.

The young ladies of the Second Auxiliary to the Woman's Congregational Home Missionary Union of Conn., held their annual meeting for the election of officers. They may well be proud of their splendid work

of the year.

The stirring appeals of the Yale Band aroused a new interest for foreign missionary work in the Young People's Society. A missionary band has just been organized which promises good results.

TRINITY CHURCH.

Women's Quiet Day will be observed Wednesday, the 24th, conducted by Rev. Mr. Sanford of New Haven.

Up to the present time the choir has been obliged to pay rent for the use of a piano for its rehearsals, and as a special purchase price has been made to them for a very good instrument, they have decided to try and raise the necessary money by giving a musicale in the Parish Building, Wednesday evening this week, admission being 50c.

This undertaking shows a very commendable spirit on the part of the men and boys, who have reached a very high degree of excellence in their singing, under Mr. Tilton, the choirmaster.

At the last Teacher's Meeting a library committee was appointed consisting of the Rector, Mr. Cleveland, Mr. Wright, Miss Risley and Miss Gray, who have been meeting from time to time, until now a list of books has been completed which will form the nucleus of a Parish Library which will also serve the uses of the Sunday-school.

The list which embraces works of reference, history, missions, religion, biography, arts and science, and fiction, will shortly be published in The Chronicle, the parish paper, at which time those who have duplicate copies of any of the books may have the opportunity of donating them to a practical use, while those who cannot assist in this way are asked to contribute money to the committee, instead of buying direct, as special prices have been quoted to them.

The Rector's Bible Class for young men, has disbanded for the summer, after a very interesting and profitable session.

Whit-Sunday being the 350th anniversary of the adoption of the Book of Common Prayer, the last General Convention recommended that the event be celebrated, so that evening the Rector gave a very interesting and instructive discourse on the subject of its origin and use.

Arrangements are being completed for the consecration of the church, Wednesday, May 31st. Invitations are being sent to all the Episcopal clergymen of the state and their wives, as well as to all the Bishops.

In the afternoon a reception will be held in the Parish House, so that the visitors may meet the Bishop and Mrs. Brewster.

An account of the Sunday-school Missionary Rally, to be held here June 4th., appears in another column.

We are now looking forward to the Sunday-school picnic which will close the session of the school for the summer.

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HE DOETH ALL THINGS WELL.

The purpose of God we cannot understand. His ways are not always our ways, and who shall know His thoughts. We plan out our lives, but God plans differently for us. We follow our own plans for a time maybe, or think we do, when in an unexpected moment we find our purpose balked, our dearest ambitions all brought to naught, and God lays us very low. Then is the time that faith, and only faith, can save us.

What availeth faith at all, if it does not serve to strengthen and uplift at such a moment. Is faith the mere acquiescence to certain religious dogmas? Is it the blind following of early teachings? Or is it the true knowledge of God, and the ever abiding conviction that He is, and that He doeth all things well?

How ill would we all fare in this world, were its management controlled by our limited knowledge. Could the combined intellect of all mankind avail to hold the world in its proper place in the firmament, did God withdraw His hand? Where is the head and hand possessed of the cunning to make a single fragrant lily, or to create a singing robin?

If then we are so impotent concerning the things which we see on every side, with which we are every day familiar, how little able are we to direct our own lives wisely or well.

If God controls the birds of the air, the flowers of the fields, the fish of the seas, and we can plainly see his wonderful hand outstretched over them all,

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and can faintly conceive of the marvellous wisdom which is directing all these, then how can we deny that God controls us likewise, that His purposes regarding us will always prevail, whatever our own may be, and that it is better for us, and absolutely essential to our real happiness, to accept the fact, and to acknowledge that not only in the visible world about us, but in our lives also, he doeth all things well.

Then may come disappointment, suffering and death. God may try our very souls with fire, till we cry out in pain and anguish. Our hopes and ambitions may fade away, our dearest loved ones taken from us, yet God must have a purpose in it, and even when he tries us most perhaps he loves us best. It is not for us to understand, but by faith we can believe, even in the hour of bitterest sorrow, when the cross bears heaviest, when all our skies are overcast, that in the end it will all be for the best, for He surely doeth all things well.

THE LAW AND ORDER LEAGUE.

Since its formation a number of years ago, the Law and Order League of Connecticut has made a record of which its officers and directors as well as its members and those who have contributed to its support, may well feel proud. Hundreds of law-breakers have been punished and scores of immoral resorts have been permanently broken up. It may be asserted that the regular police of our cities and towns have also made a similar record during the past ten years. Such a claim is doubtless true but it is also true that the prosecution which the Law and Order League has brought were mainly against those whom the regular police either could not or would not prosecute. In all this work of the League, to do which a considerable number of different men are employed, there is not one instance of any irregularity or anything that could be construed as improper conduct on the part of the agents of the League. This is a remarkable fact when we take into consideration the character of the work necessary to be done, and the great difficulty encountered by all similar organizations in obtaining thoroughly reliable men to act as "spotters" or "spies," as the enemies of the League love to call them. We think this record is exceedingly creditable to the League and the reports that have been issued from time to time by the officers of the League are open to inspection and can be seen by those who wish more detailed information as to what the League has done.

What is the value of such an organization to the people? In the first place it furnishes a means of relief when the regular machinery of the law fails to do its work. Without some such organization to fall back upon the people are utterly powerless and are at the mercy of the lawless element. Take the case of the gamblers in Stamford for example. It was known to practically everybody that gambling was going on there but the law loving people of that place were

unable to secure the punishment of those conducting these gambling dens until the Law and Order League was called. That evil might have been flourishing there today had there been no means of supplementing the work of the police of Stamford by an organization like the League. The League is also of great value in creating proper public sentiment in favor of the enforcement of law and the suppression of organized evil. It has done a great deal towards bringing to light certain laws that were commonly ignored, and which were unknown to the great majority of people and has unquestionably stimulated the public into demanding of their local officials a more strict enforcement of the law. The aid which such an organization can give and does give to the police is very great and has been cordially recognized by many leading police officials. What then is the duty of all good citizens? Is it not to support and encourage an organization like the League as long as it is properly managed? And when attacks are made upon the League as has been the case during the past winter, and an effort is made to repeal its charter or enact legislation that would severely cripple it, those who believe in the enforcement of laws should stand firmly in defence of the organization. It has proved itself of immeasurable value and law loving citizens should do all in their power to prevent the success of those who are opposed to any organization that would interfere with certain forms of lawlessness. Had the bill to create a state police been passed and a police system properly established and conducted, the need of the Law and Order League would very largely have been done away with, and in that case the state would have supported this auxiliary police force, whereas now the friends of law and order are obliged to support and maintain the League. But the Legislature did not favor the state police idea and the people are now brought face to face with the question whether they will tolerate legislation hostile to the League. The Christian sentiment of the community ought not to find any difficulty in making itself felt at the Capitol on the side of law and order. If that is done we may be sure that the League will be spared to continue for many years the good work it has done in the years since its organization.

A MOODY MEETING.

Mr. D. L. Moody spoke in the Center church Tuesday afternoon to a crowded congregation. His subject was "Filled With the Spirit." He spoke of the need of Christians being filled with the Spirit and the power of the Spirit. He illustrated the great power of prayer by stories of his personal experience with people in trouble who could obtain no relief or peace of mind until they sought it in earnest prayer.

Before Mr. Moody's address there was a praise service conducted by Colonel Charles A. Jewell, and several

old and familiar hymns were sung, and several Hartford and out-of-town clergymen sat on the platform during the services.

The seventy-third anniversary of the Congregational Home Missionary Society was held at Center Church Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, May 23d, 24th and 25th. Many noted clergymen and lay delegates were present from all parts of the country. Rev. Dr. John H. Barrows, president of Oberlin College, preached an eloquent sermon on "Spiritual Forces in American History." A very large audience was present at this session.

At the first Presbyterian church a heroic effort is being made to clear off the church debt on or before the fiftieth anniversary of the church, which occurs in 1901. The bulk of the money has already been pledged by members and friends of the church, but about \$800 is still lacking. All friends of the church are asked to contribute, and it is an object well worthy the assistance of outsiders also.

Shooting live pigeons may be good "sport," but it is, nevertheless, a cruel and barbarous practice which should never receive legislative sanction.

To the members of the graduating class at the Theological Seminary, *The Church Review*, extends cordial good wishes, and the sincere hope that each individual member may find great prosperity in the work for the Master. Many of you will be sincerely missed both for what you have been to those about you here, and also for the great help you have been to so many of our Christian activities.

EVENING.

BY ISABELLE E. MACKAY.

So fades the day! The long, long day,
Where shadows arch the sunlit way,
And checkered cloud and sunshine play—

A life's long day.

A life's long day! The shadows creep
Near and more near. Strange breezes sweep

As from an unknown river deep
Gone is the day.

Gone is the day—its hopes and fears.
Its happy hours of work-filled years,
Its sorrow, sin, and wasted tears—
Farewell, bright day!

Farewell, bright day! The night is here.
Hark, how the river rushes near!
All shuddering I stand and fear—
Courage, O soul!

Courage, O soul! O heart of mine,
New dawn on yonder shore doth shine;
One stands and waits with smile Divine.

Welcome, sweet day!

News of Churches.

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SOUTH PARK METHODIST.

On Wednesday evening, May 10th, a reception was given to our new pastor, Rev. E. S. Ferry, and his family. The chapel was prettily decorated with rugs, piano-lamps and palms. Several ministers of the neighboring churches were present and participated in the exercises of the evening. Ice-cream, cake and lemonade were served and a most pleasant time enjoyed.

Our pastor has organized a bicycle club among our young people, with Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McCausland as captains. The first run will be made on Saturday evening, May 20th, at 6:30 o'clock.

Preparations are being made for Children's Day. In the morning the pastor will preach a sermon to the children and baptize some of them. The evening service will consist of a Children's Day Concert given by the Sunday-school.

Through the kindness of Mrs. Geo. W. Atwood, our chapel has been cleaned and renovated, and a new carpet put on the floor.

Every Sunday, flowers are provided for the church by different classes in the Sunday-school, each class being responsible for one Sunday.

Our former pastor, Rev. W. A. Richard, is in the city three or four days each week, attending to his duties as Chaplain of the Senate.

Much help was received from the Yale Missionary Meetings held last week in the different churches, and our Young People's Society, as well as others, intend to do more along this line.

A Missionary committee is to be appointed and the work pushed. A Missionary Library has been ordered, which will help greatly in educating and interesting the members in this essential department of our work.

ST. THOMAS CHURCH.

Sunday, May 21st, Whit-Sunday, was the 10th anniversary of the present rectorate. Very interesting anniversary services were held both morning and evening, and were well attended. At the morning service, the Rector, Rev. Geo. R. Warner, preached a historical sermon touching upon the history of the parish from its formation, nearly thirty years ago, but more particularly upon the growth and work of the last ten years. In the evening, the Rev. C. G. Bristol, Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, and who was Mr. Warner's successor in St. Albans parish, Danielson, was present and gave a very cordial address of congratulations to the Rector and people of St. Thomas parish, on the completion of ten years of harmonious and successful parish work.

Tuesday evening, May 9th, the annual meeting of the parish was held. The annual meeting of the Sunday-school was held May 16th.

C. E. UNION SOCIETY, EAST HARTFORD MEADOW.

Our Society has suffered the loss of its president, Mr. Wm. Critchett, by removal from town. Our meetings (held in the school-house) which were interrupted during the spring vacation, have now been resumed. Mr. B. N. B. Miller was with us in March, and gave a helpful talk, illustrated. The crowded room, and close attention proved his welcome among us. We can report no special interest only an earnest desire on the part of the members for a blessing. The field is wide, and our number so small. Our Saviour's words to his disciples, come to us with great force. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

PARK CONGREGATIONAL.

The evening services have been suspended for the summer months and it is hoped that the Endeavor meetings will gain in attendance for this reason.

The Endeavor Society is considering the adoption of suggestions along missionary lines, made by a committee appointed to confer with the Yale Band. These suggestions include, among other things, a prayer circle and the addition to our library of ten books on missions.

The regular weekly teacher's meetings closed last Friday for the summer. Most of the meetings have been occupied in discussing methods of work for the Sunday-school.

A Sunday-school picnic will be held at White Oak Grove, Saturday, June 3rd.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL, EAST HARTFORD.

A memorial service in honor of the late Henry L. Goodwin was held in the church April 16th. The address by Dr. L. W. Bacon of Norwich gave a new and more just view of that remarkable champion of righteousness.

A special meeting to consider the resignation of our beloved pastor was held April 28th. It was voted to ask him to reconsider his action, but he declined to alter his decision. Accordingly he will close his work here the thirty-first instant. The feeling of sorrow and regret is very deep and general.

At a social of the Endeavor Society a purse of \$75.00 in gold contributed by members of the society, was presented to our pastor, as a testimonial of our esteem of him and his work in our community.

Five new members were admitted to the church at the last communion. At that time Rev. S. A. Barrett gave a brief view of the work of the eight and one half years of his pastorate, showing that nearly one half of the present membership of the church had entered it during that time. The membership is now larger than for sixteen years.

Secretary W. E. Barton of the American board spoke on the work of that

body last Sunday. He gave a fresh view of the difference between Christianity and other religions and of the reasons for supporting the work, which was exceedingly interesting and instructive.

PROSPECT AVE. CHAPTER HOUSE.

The King's Daughters' meetings close for the season with the month of May and the reports for the past year have been encouraging both as to member's interest and work done.

The Sunday-school reached the high-water mark for the season this past month, in an attendance of 137, but the closing of the Theological Seminary this week will deprive us of our superintendent, Mr. A. P. Manwell, and three teachers. However, it is to be hoped that we may keep together in a faithful band, in spite of our lack of helpers until the summer recess in July.

During this month our former superintendent, Mr. Charles M. Williams, who has been much of an invalid the past year, has quietly passed away.

He was much beloved by all who knew him, and his services while with us were most valuable and beneficial to the school.

The Christian Endeavor meetings have been well attended, as the fact that our society just missed the Union Banner by one, will show; and during the meetings held by the Yale Band, we were well represented. Our hearts were touched by the stirring appeals and we felt doubly interested as we are already supporting an Armenian boy at one of the orphanages. Now we are aiming at having a teacher or missionary if possible represent us in the foreign field.

The fact that we already have a fine missionary library and a mission study, class, made us feel more than ever indebted to, and proud of Mr. Wm. A. Mather of the seminary, who has presented us with this valuable set of books and who has done so much to enliven and interest us in the mission study.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

On Tuesday evening, April 25th, the Girls' Friendly Society and the Knights of Temperance had a social evening together in the United Workers' rooms. The evening's amusements consisted of games and dancing. Refreshments were served at 10 o'clock, and then just before breaking up the whole affair turned into a surprise party, when Rev. G. B. Gilbert, who had come up from Middletown to be with his old friends once more, arose and in a very neat speech presented two beautiful books and a large picture to Mr. A. R. Van Meter, who is about to finish his work at St. John's. Mr. Van Meter seemed very deeply touched by these tokens of appreciation, and thanked his friends one and all for their kindness to him during the last three years.

Both these organizations have had a very prosperous year and a large increase in membership, mainly due to the untiring zeal, in the one society of Miss Bradin and her associates, and in the other to Mr. Peckham, who, by his personal efforts, has added to the roll several new members.

THE OPEN HEARTH.

The friends of the Mission have been much encouraged in the work done this past season and which has borne such good fruit in the lives of many who came here almost despairing or any help in leading better lives. They are also delighted with the interest manifested by Bishop Brewster, who has visited the Mission, made an address expressing his hearty sympathy in the work done by our Superintendent, and has in every way shown his full appreciation of its necessity as a power in reclaiming those who have gone astray. The Mission meetings are well attended and the interest shown through the winter on the part of those attending still continues. Supt. Miller speaks almost every evening and every moment of his time is taken up in attending to the calls made upon him for advice and assistance from those in trouble, or needing someone to show them how to start on to a better course and leave the sinful past behind.

The children's work is a great feature, as usual, and large numbers of little ones attend the Thursday night children's meeting in the Mission Room or the bands which meet four evenings a week in the Superintendent's office.

The Sand Yard is now open and hundreds of little ones enjoy its benefits. A new feature has been introduced this season in two lawn and two rope swings, and are a source of great enjoyment giving the children an opportunity to enjoy in the sand and swings, some of the pleasures afforded by the more fortunate ones who spend the season with their parents at seaside resorts. When the yard was first opened for the season all were admitted, but the number who came was so large that tickets were given to those who attend the Mission. Everything is done to afford these children any innocent and healthful amusement and the advantages thus afforded are appreciated by both children and their parents. The Mission is in every way progressing, and more and more receiving as it deserves the countenance and support of our citizens.

Two grave, quiet-looking men stood on the steps of a big house in Washington some years ago. They were watching four bright children get into a cart and drive down the street, throwing back kisses and "good-by" to papa and papa's friend, the general.

The younger man, and the father, was General Phil Sheridan, "Fighting Phil," as he was called in those days. Another general, an old friend, said, "Phil, how do you manage your little army of

four?"

"Don't manage; they are mischievous soldiers, but what good comrades! All the good there is in me they bring out. Their little mother is a wonderful woman, and worth a regiment of officers, John. I often think what pitfalls are in waiting for my small, brave soldiers all through life. I wish I could always help them over."

"Phil, if you could choose for your little son from all the temptations which will beset him the one most to be feared, what would it be?"

General Sheridan leaned his head against the doorway and said soberly: "It would be the curse of strong drink. Boys are not saints. We are all self-willed, strong-willed, may be full of courage and thrift and push and kindness and charity, but woe be to the man or boy who becomes a slave of liquor. Oh, I had rather see my little son die today than to see him carried in to his mother drunk! One of my brave soldier boys on the field said to me just before a battle, when he gave me his message to his mother, if he should be killed: 'Tell her I have kept my promise to her. Not one "drink" have I ever tasted.' The boy was killed. I carried the message with my own lips to the mother. She said, 'General, that is more glory for my boy than if he had taken a city.'"

"This is a straight story," said the grocery clerk, whose veracity has never been impeached. "It happened in our store. A little boy came into our Market street store on Monday, and waited for some one to notice him. He carried a sheet of writing paper in his hand, at which he glanced from time to time. One of the idle clerks came to him finally, and the boy, reading from his paper, announced in a sing-song voice:—

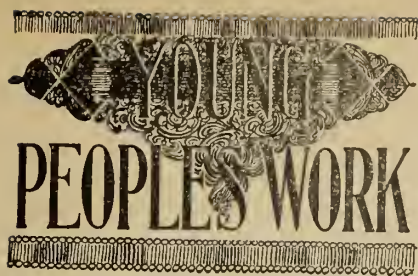
"My mother wants ten pounds of rice, fifteen pounds of sugar, twelve pounds of oatmeal, twenty pounds of—"

"Hold on!" interrupted the clerk. "Not so fast. Suppose you give me that paper, and I'll find out the order."

"But the boy insisted on calling off the articles himself. Two other clerks were pressed into service, and the three men proceeded to do up the various packages as the boy called them off. He wanted all kinds of things, and he asked the price of each article as they went along, making a note of it on his paper. The clerks had the counter stacked with packages, when the boy wound up with eighteen pounds of flour. One of the clerks called out the price, and the boy continued, in his sing-song voice, 'and how much money does my mother have to pay for her groceries?' One of the clerks counted up the total and announced it as \$18.73. The boy made a note of it and started out.

"Come back here; where are you going?" cried the clerks in chorus.

"Why," said the boy, as he made for the door, "that's jest me'rithmetic lesson for Monday. I have ter know it or I'll git licked."—Boston Pilot.



HARTFORD CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR UNION.

PRESIDENT'S NOTE BOOK.

It is to be hoped that a large delegation from Hartford will attend the International Convention at Detroit, July 7-12. Not only is the trip one of unusual interest, but the convention committee are putting forth their utmost endeavors to make the program the finest that has ever been offered to an Endeavor audience. Fuller details will be given later, and I only mention the event now so that you may consider it in your summer plans.

The campaign of the Yale Missionary Band, while not a distinctively Union event, was of great interest to all of our Societies, and I have already had occasion to note its beneficial results in several of them. The Rally Saturday night was well attended; it was one of the largest opening meetings, a member of the Band told me, that they have had outside of the biggest cities like New York and Boston.

The sectional conferences were of great interest from the fact that there the net was drawn, as it were, and the various organizations outlined their policy for the coming year as regards missions. If the pledges there given are lived up to, there will be a great revival of prayer, study and giving among our young people. A committee was appointed, representing each district, to take permanent supervision of the work. The following constitute that committee: Henry A. Hovey, Chas. Edward Prior, Rev. Cornelius G. Bristol, Harry E. Parkhurst, Ira J. Strong, Mrs. W. P. Williams, Miss May Howard, Miss Esther Pratt.

At the Denominational Rally Tuesday night, the special needs of the various Boards were more specifically presented, and considerable amounts of money were pledged from the societies.

It is a few days too early to announce the June Sectional meetings of the Union, but they will be held on schedule time and I bespeak for them your usual hearty support.

Yours in C. E.,
Nelson B. Bassett, Pres.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR PRAYER MEETING TOPICS.

(From the Presbyterian C. E. Manual.)
May 28.—Established in heart.—Rom. 1: 11, 12; Psa. 112: 1-10.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

The fixed heart is a fruit of faith.
They stand strongest who stand in

strength other than their own.

Assurance is taking God at his word.

They have most doubts who view the manward side of religion.

Our confidence is strong because it is in a strong God.

We stand firmest on our knees.

The heart is fixed only when it is fixed on God.

Perfect faith easteth out fear. The established heart is not afraid.

June 4.—Wheat and tares.—Matt. 13: 24-30.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

The hypocrites in the church are the sowing of the evil one.

The wheat and the tares may grow up together but only the wheat is garnered.

There are hypocrites in the visible church, but there will be no hypocrites in the Church triumphant.

God knows the tares, even if we do not.

We fret ourselves about the weeds in the Master's vineyard, but the wise Master is willing to wait; the end will prove.

Wheat and tares look alike when growing, but by their fruits are they known.

June 11.—A perfect child.—Luke 2: 40-52.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

The Bible emphasizes the humanity of Christ's childhood; legend, its divinity.

Ours is the only religion for childhood, and the only one with a child in its system.

The Nazareth boy makes plain the way to God for youthful feet.

Jesus grew in favor with God and man, for he was incarnate unselfishness.

Christ's perfection atones for our imperfection.

They who are most childlike are most Christlike.

Our Lord teaches the exaltation of humility and the glory of humanity.

June 18.—Intemperate pleasures.—2 Tim. 3: 1-7.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

Pleasures that exhaust and do not build up are intemperate.

Pleasures that do not make work easier and better are intemperate.

Pleasures that rob health or character are intemperate.

Pleasures unshared are imperfect.

Pleasures that bring pain to anybody are unchristian.

Pleasures that are an end rather than a means are intemperate.

Pleasures that leave out Christ are wrong.

Pleasures that destroy our mastery of self are intemperate.

Pleasures that unseat reason and mount passion are intemperate.

June 25.—Spiritual growth.—Mark 4: 26-32.

JUNIOR PROHIBITION LEAGUE.

The only event of importance during the month was the interesting meeting with the Burnside Epworth League

May 7th, which was well attended. We were glad to see our members from So. Manchester present.

From the "Detroit '99 Press Committee" we learn that crimson and white are the colors in which Detroit will array herself for the great Christian Endeavor Convention. A one-fare railroad rate has been conceded and the cost of entertainment will be reasonable.

The entire list of committeemen now assigned to duty in relation to handling the great Detroit '99 Convention, numbers more than 3,000 people. Think of it! A whole army division; three regiments all enlisted prepared to do the Saviour's work next July.

MISSIONARY NOTES.

Mr. Morris Coster writes that "according to the last reports from Dutch East India there are at present in that Dutch colony 345,000 native Protestant Christians, and also 30,000 native Roman Catholic Christians, a total of 375,000. About sixty years ago there were in that colony only about 75,000 native Christians, so that in later years the number of native Christians has increased fully 300,000."—Missionary Review.

Any man is at liberty to practice medicine in China, and many men who can not succeed there in any other branch of business, will buy a book of prescriptions and start as "doctors." In China there are 90 medical missionaries with British degrees and qualifications, and there are as many, or perhaps more, from America; but what are 200 medical missionaries among 400,000,000 people?—Missionary Review.

The reaction from Roman Catholicism in Cuba is marked and complete, but may not be permanent. With the repudiation of what might be termed the State religion and the abandonment of the island by the Spanish priesthood there will be a readjustment of Church policy upon the part of Rome, followed by an influx of priests and workers from the United States, who will loudly disclaim any connection with Spanish rule or the ecclesiasticism which has fed and fattened upon the credulity of the masses.—Review of Missions.

A missionary in Persia reports that a converted Moslem woman, who was beaten and cruelly persecuted, seemed so happy that another came to the mission to ask for that happiness which her countrywoman had obtained. She became a convert, and was persecuted severely in her turn, being even bastinadoed for repeating the Lord's Prayer. She was asked if she was happier when she was a Mohammedan and well thought of, or now, suffering so greatly for Christ, and made this reply:—

"I never knew the meaning of the word happiness until I became a Christian."—Christian Endeavor World.



Conducted by Mr. George Whipple Steele.

Questions on musical subjects of general interest will be answered in this department

RUBINSTEIN.

BY FRANK MERRY.

"Rubinstein's life had been one of high aspiration and achievement. His early struggles had been rewarded by an unexceptional triumph: he had reached the highest eminence possible to the executive artist. He was recognized as something more than an abnormal scale player or an adept in musical slight of hand. He was a performer who could reveal beauty in what had seemed unlovely; who could express feeling in that which had sounded cold and lifeless. He was acclaimed king of pianists and received with regal enthusiasm. But, while thus charming all men by his playing, he was in turn captivated by men's applause and admiration. And this praise became to him such a necessity that for it he was content to neglect his own development and higher possibilities.

Having reached the summit of his career as a virtuoso, and being yet full of energy and ambition, were there other worlds which those powers that had already raised him to such an eminence would enable him to conquer? Yes, he might become a great composer. The example of Beethoven was ever before him. With this thought in his heart, his achievements as a pianist seemed but trifling. And this idea, growing upon him, became at length the master passion of his life. Yet he could not forget the plaudits of the crowd that lingered pleasantly in his ears.

The career of a great composer is incompatible with that of a star performer. Even genius cannot serve two masters. Either calling is sufficient to exhaust a man's best energies. He may be a performer who composes or a composer who plays; but the difference is vital. Which course did Rubinstein take? Notwithstanding his ambition, he could not relinquish the excitement and gratification of his public career as a pianist—until too late. Thus he reached middle life without having gained the power of expressing himself fully and completely in composition. His works are noble, but imperfect. They contain beautiful themes and passages side by side with the crude, the commonplace, and the ugly. Above all, his larger compositions do not possess that perfect unity

that marks the work of the true composer. This more important work, greater than much that meets with unmitigated praise, is little more than a magnificent failure.

As a result, Rubinstein's larger compositions, on which he spent such tremendous labour, could never command an audience. The public might listen to them once, but once was sufficient; and, upon a second or third performance being arranged, the result would be a fiasco. No audience could be obtained a second time. When, therefore, Rubinstein discovered this, his mortification was intense; but, when the bitter experience was repeated again and again till he had learned to expect it, his disappointment was of the most awful description. Then he saw the worthlessness of the career in which he had spent his most precious years. The storm of his rage broke with tremendous fury: he cursed himself, his playing, and the public that had drawn him from what once he might have been but now could not be. To find some outlet for the fierce passions that were consuming him, he plunged into wild and reckless dissipation.

While, however, the operas, oratorios, and instrumental works with which Rubinstein had sought to win the public all suffered the same neglect, some of his smaller pieces—perfect in their way—became amazingly popular. And these, to make the contrast more complete, followed him everywhere he went. Whereas no one would listen to a symphony or an opera bearing his name, he could not be ignorant of the popularity of some of his small songs and similar trifles; and this painful contrast only intensified his sufferings. Among these pieces nothing gave him so much irritation as the song, "The Azra," which he heard again and again till he felt for it an intense loathing. At one concert at which he was to play, a singer—without any special reference to him—had arranged to give "The Azra." The vocalist was immediately communicated with privately, and told that the singing of this song would give Rubinstein great offence. He therefore chose another, but being taken ill at the last moment obtained a substitute who, instead of the piece named, gave that unlucky song, "The Azra!" His success as a kind of drawing-room composer seemed to point his failure in the more important sphere. Then another of Rubinstein's sorrows was this: That he was not considered by the public as a composer at all, but was looked upon and admired merely as a pianist. His performances were still received with the frenzied enthusiasm that he now hated and despised, and offers of engagements still poured in from all quarters of the globe, while the world wondered why he refused them.

With what jealous care Rubinstein hid his shame from the public can easily be imagined. He could bear his sorrows like a great man if he could not write like one. He suffered in silence, still dumbly and pathetically seeking recognition as a composer. That recognition never came. Every effort

to obtain it resulted in a more profound despair. This then was the admired Rubinstein in his old age. A disappointed man mourning a wasted life, with scarcely a friend or a woman to whom he could reveal his sorrow or appeal for sympathy. His sight was almost completely gone; he was a prey to deep fits of melancholy in which he would bitterly rail at himself no less than the world which had treated him with such painful neglect, and that praise which was even more unendurable than coldness.

But at the close of his life a change came over him. His spiritual nature seemed at last to dominate and purify him.

In his old age he was attracted to the person of Christ. His last great composition, the oratorio "Christus," which he considered his finest work, was the outcome of his newborn reverence.

Has Rubinstein in this "Christus" at last attained his ambition as a composer? What matter, if the man himself in the twilight of his troubled life at last found his spiritual level—and inward peace?—"Musical Opinion."

ANECDOTES.

This little paragraph is now being passed along by editors, who enjoy a joke upon themselves:

He opened the door cautiously, and peering in his head in a sort of suggestive way, as if there was more to follow, inquired, "Is this the editorial rinktum?"

"The what, my friend?"

"Is this the rinktum—sinktum—sanctum, or some such place, where the editors live?"

"This is the editorial room; come in, sir."

"No, I guess I won't come in. Wanted to see what an editorial sanctum was like, that's all. Looks like our garret, only wuss. Good day."

A well-known vicar gives a curious experience. It was his custom to point his sermons with either "Dearly beloved brethren" or "Now, my brothers," until one day a lady member of his congregation took exception to this, and asked him why he always preached to the gentlemen and never to the ladies.

"My dear lady," said the beaming vicar, "one embraces the other."

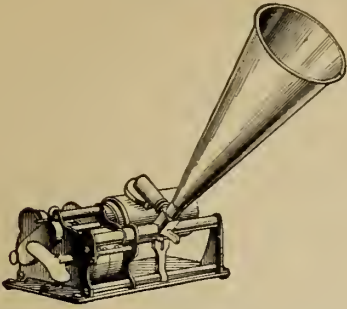
"But not in church!" was the reply of the astonished lady.—Tit Bits.

At one time when the late Phillips Brooks was recovering from an illness so severe that many of his friends were not allowed to see him, Robert Ingersoll called upon the bishop, who came downstairs to see him.

"Why," said Ingersoll, with surprise, "how is it that you honor me by seeing me when you have refused your friends?"

"Well, you see," slowly replied the dear bishop, "I knew I should see my friends in the next world, but thought that this might be my last chance of seeing you."—Short Stories.

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This question was asked by D. D. Smith, M. D., D. D. S., of Philadelphia. "Modern medical science with all its acumen has seemingly overlooked as it has totally disregarded, the mouth and teeth as a constant and prolific source of infection in Systemic troubles—Gastric, intestinal, cancerous, and pulmonary; and dentistry engrossed in restoring the ravages of decay, has failed even to discuss much less earnestly investigate the subject of dental prophylaxis."

Decayed teeth have been a source of great annoyance to modern civilization. They have caused suffering and distress in both body and mind to the greater portion of the late generations.

Filling teeth has been the general remedy applied by that portion of the community who most cared to keep intact their dental organs.

Obundants have been heralded to aid the so-called painless dentistry, most of which has proven worthless until quite recently some are shown to be meritorious, and are gladdening the hearts of many a poor sufferer that through dread has neglected their teeth until filling becomes a necessity.

Twenty-five years ago or more the late Dr. Riggs of Hartford, emphasized the prophylaxis theory, urging it upon the profession. Many used to speak of the inflamed condition of the gums as "Riggs Disease."

For years dentists as a class have treated the matter with so much indifference, partly from a misunderstanding of the primary causes and partly from a want of any system that would make the treatment reasonably remunerative as compared with other departments of dentistry. The few who have followed these theories have become fully persuaded that it was possible, but wondered how it would be accomplished.

Dr. Smith has seemingly solved the problem by making a yearly contract with many patients requiring monthly visits for the purpose of having the teeth thoroughly cleaned and polished *each month*. Now after five years he has scarcely had a filling to make for those patients who have been faithful, several of whom expressed great satisfaction at not having sensitive teeth or gums, whereas both teeth and gums had been extremely sensitive and the operation of filling had given great pain and personal discomfort.

The massage of the teeth is proving with the exact and perfect cleanliness maintained to be what is so much desired. It keeps the gums so healthy there is no fetid secretions trickling down on the teeth forming a coating and later an erosion which finally results in cavities.

Quite a goodly number of the men in the profession seem convinced that prophylaxis is to be a leading feature in the future of dentistry.

"Cleanliness is Godliness" is a saying much older than the present generation of man.

Is there any application of the above that can possibly be of greater good to mankind than thorough cleanliness, and health of the mouth of a human being—the very chamber of reception for the food that is to nourish and invigorate our bodies, which will be well or poorly organized according to the habits and character of each and every individual.

L. C. Taylor.

A LAY VIEW OF THE CAUSE OF LONGEVITY.

There has recently been a discussion in one of the most popular English journals on the above subject, and much interesting expression of the lay opinion thereon has been evoked. The writer of the editorial comments in the afore-mentioned journal says: "A correspondent discussing my conclusion that in longevity a good constitution is the chief factor, and heredity the cause of it, remarks: 'This may be true in a way, but I think nevertheless that food plays a considerable part in it. I maintain that long-lived people instinctively eat the proper food to insure longevity, and also that their instinct may be cultivated and improved to the benefit of the individual. Every man in time gets to know the diet most suitable to him, and if he has strength of mind to follow, it benefits. Of course I am not going to lay down a general rule of diet except that generally meat, vegetables, and fruit are better than starchy foods, containing as they do less of the minerals which eventually choke one up and lead to an ossification of the system.'"



WOMAN'S WORK

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

Mrs. Margaret Dye Ellis, National Superintendent of legislative work, who has been in Washington for many years at work very persistently and efficiently to bring before Congress many bills of reform, is coming to

Connecticut in June and will give addresses in Hartford and many other places.

She is the author of the bill for excluding the sale of liquor in all government buildings, called the "Ellis Bill."

She is a remarkably interesting and powerful speaker and all who hear her tell of her experiences will be both pleased and instructed. We hope Connecticut will appreciate this rare privilege and greet her with large audiences, feeling sure that no one will be disappointed.

The W. C. T. U. of Hartford County held a large and enthusiastic Convention on May 4th in New Britain. Reports showed interest and good work throughout the County for the past year.

The New Britain Union entertained the Convention with a bountiful collation at noon. The following officers were elected for the coming year:

Mrs. J. B. Smith of Berlin, pres.; Mrs. Louise W. Bunce of New Britain and Mrs. F. M. Stanley of Manchester, vice-pres'ts.; Mrs. Wiard of New Britain, sec'y; Mrs. Stowe of Plantsville, treas.

The Hartford Union has accepted an invitation from Mrs. W. S. Groesbeck of West Hartford to hold their meeting with her, June 20th, at 3 p. m.

THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION.

The Woman's Home Missionary Union, connected with the Home Missionary Society, held its annual meeting in the Center Church chapel Tuesday afternoon, May 23rd, the room being crowded with ladies. Mrs. Isaac Platt Powell of the Michigan union led the devotional exercises and Miss Ellen R. Camp of New Britain gave a word of welcome in behalf of the Connecticut union, of which she is president.

The opening address was by Mrs. Joseph Ward of Yankton, S. D., and was a plea for the support of the western colleges under the auspices of the Home Missionary Society.

Mrs. Louise Kellogg of Cambridge, Mass., secretary of the Massachusetts union, read a paper on "What Hath God Wrought?" She gave a review of the century of home missionary progress, pointing out the special work on the Pacific Coast, begun in 1849, and now having for its results 100,000 Congregationalists in California, of the success of the "Iowa Band" of eleven young men who began in the home mission field of that state expecting to establish eleven churches, the outgrowth of their work having been over 300 churches, with a membership of over 200,000. Many other facts of like nature were touched upon in the papers. Mrs. Ruth Thayer Burnham sang "He is Calling."

The Rev. Dr. William Hayes Ward, editor of the "New York Independent," was the closing speaker of the afternoon, his address being upon the work the American Missionary Association contemplates in Porto Rico.

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PROF. E. M. HUNTSINGER.

The March number of the Penman's Art Journal, contains the following interesting sketch of Mr. Huntsinger:

E. M. Huntsinger, proprietor of Huntsinger's Business College, Hartford, Conn., was born at Valley View, Pa. in 1855 and in 1876 entered Hinman's Business College, where he also assisted in teaching. A year later he became connected with the B. & S. Coll., Providence, Rhode Island, where The Journal editor was one of the pupils. Coming to New York in 1884, he accepted a responsible position with the Packard College and remained at this post for five or six years, leaving it about ten years ago to establish a school, over which he has presided with singular ability ever since. Personally Mr. Huntsinger is reserved and dignified. He is a close student and warm friend. The Journal was pleased recently to record his recovery from a serious illness.

Mr. Buzby—"I think I'll stay home to-day and whitewash the ceiling for you."

Mrs. Buzby—"The last time you did it, John, you got more on the floor than you did on the ceiling. Perhaps this time you had better whitewash the floor and, maybe you'll get some on the ceiling."—Fashions.

Another Shorthand class graduated recently at Hun'singer's Business college, with the following superior grades:

Miss Fanny E. Yale, East Hartford Meadow, 99 per cent; Miss Cora Young Windsor Locks, 90 per cent; Miss Maud B. Davis, Collinsville, 98 per cent; Miss Kathryn Egan, Windsor Locks, 96 per cent; Miss Helene Hellmann, Hartford, 95 per cent; Miss Mary Cunningham Hartford, 93 per cent; Miss Sophie Meyer, Ivoryton, 91 per cent.

"Well?" said the assistant in a chemist's shop to an Irishman who pointed to a pile of soap.

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The Century's plans for the treatment of the Spanish War culminate with the publication in the May number of a remarkable series of papers in which the commander of every American vessel but one describes his share in the battle off Santiago, which resulted in the complete destruction of Cervera's fleet. The only exception is in the case of the "Oregon," whose commander, Capt. Clark, endorses Lieut. Eberle's account of that ship's participation in the fight, and himself contributes a criticism of the Spanish Admiral's strategy. "The Story of the Captains" is written with remarkable animation and in wholly untechnical language.

The Cosmopolitan, always a great magazine, is becoming the most practical magazine in the whole list. It is presenting subjects of human interest. It is taking up such subjects as household economies, the care of young children, the home care of the sick, the servant question, well-dressed women, the care of the body, etc.

Self Culture for May comes to hand in a fresh spring attire and laden with good things. The magazine continues to merit the compliments paid it in high literary quarters, since, among the cheaper periodicals, there are few that maintain so uniformly high an average of excellence, or is a worthier exponent of the national and intellectual life.

"The Countess Emilia," Anthony Hope's new romance, is begun in the May Ladies' Home Journal, and "The Art of Listening to a Sermon" inaugurates the first of a series of articles on the pulpit and the pew by Ian Maclaren.

There is a feast of good things in The Missionary Review of the World for June. Maps and illustrations are numerous and valuable and the articles are exceedingly interesting and timely. The number is opened by a description of the "Sudan and the Sudanese" by C. T. Wilson, M. A., an Englishman who has visited the country and made a thorough study of the people.

Word and Work is now a monthly magazine published by the Christian Workers Union, and edited by Abbie C. Morrow of New York, editor of the "Sunday-School Lesson Illustrator." The May number contains by the editor "Christian Science: It is Un-Christian and Anti-Christian." It contrasts extracts from Mrs. Eddy's principle book with the Bible. Send five cents (stamps accepted) for a sample copy to S. G. Otis, Springfield, Mass.

The Arcadian. By Mrs. L. B. Wallford. 274 pages, crown 8 vo. New York: Longmans, Green & Co. Price, \$1.50.

The scenes of this simple but delightful little story are laid in England, it is the vehicle for bringing out beautiful, ennobling, and inspiring thoughts. Like all of Mrs. Wallford's books while there is a charming love story running through the book, the story in substance is of a man who was living a mistake—and came to realize it at a time when it was not too late. The denouement is brought about in a most artistic and pleasing way. It is a very satisfactory book to read.

Hartford in History. By Local Authors. 268 pages, 12 mo. Hartford: Willis I. Twitchell.

The idea of this book is certainly unique. In a comparatively small volume it gives such of the main facts

The Adventures of Cyrano de Bergerac. By Louis Gallet. 460 pages, 12 mo. New York: R. F. Fenno & Co. Price \$1.25.

Cyrano de Bergerac, since M. Rostand's play became so immensely popular, needs no introduction. While he is the same hero, swashbuckler, lover, and poet in this romance as he is in the play, his adventures are more numerous and more detailed. This fact gives a special attraction to the book which is not obtained from the play.

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The Daughters of Babylon. By Wilson Barrett and Robert Hichens. 324 pages, 12 mo. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Co. Price \$1.50.

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An excellent and interesting map of Hartford showing changes in general appearance since 1639 is included. There are numerous, well executed, illustrations, two of which we are enabled to reproduce in this issue through the courtesy of Mr. Twitchell.

reputation as an author, by his "The Sign of the Cross," which was published several years ago, and produced also as a play. Robert Hichens is the author of "The Green Carnation" which made a great sensation when first published. The collaboration of these two has caused the production of a most dramatic and imaginative story. The pictures of Babylonian life and times while given more in their dramatic sides, are vivid and convincing.

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The Marked New Testament. 362 pages, 16 mo. Chicago: The Bible Institute Colportage Association. Price 10 cents.

This is a very useful edition of the New Testament for pastors, evangelists and Christian workers in general. It was prepared by Mrs. Stephen Menzies of Liverpool, England, whose idea was to mark everything which showed the way to salvation. There are over 225 of these markings in the volume, exact engraved reproductions in red and black ink of the originals.

The American Sunday-school Union, whose headquarters are in Philadelphia, will celebrate its seventy-fifth anniversary in Philadelphia, May, 24th and 25th.

A Voyage to the Moon. By Cyrano de Bergerac. 219 pages, 16 mo. New York: Doubleday & McClure Co. Price 50 cents. For sale by Belknap & Warfield.

This satirical, fantastic romance was the masterpiece of the real Cyrano (he of the long nose) and to it, the world

liable to become so. In the first place its rhythmical sound makes it hard to forget and in the second place the book—a weird, fanciful tale—is written with unusual strength and vividness. The story, so far as there is any story, is of a man who comes to believe that the end of the world is near at hand and goes to carry warning to a certain island people. The effect on various natures of this news is very subtly though strongly made apparent.

The story is not of the sort that attains great popularity but it shows an immense capacity for powerful work in the author.

Mistress Content Cradock. By Annie Eliot Trumbull. 306 pages, 12 mo. New York: A. S. Barnes & Co. Price \$1.00.

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The Kindergarten Sunday-school. By Frederick Beard. 140 pages, 12 mo. The Pilgrim Press. Price 75 cents.

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is probably indebted for "Gulliver's Travels." The account of the "Voyage to the Moon" is very amusing and its interest is quite apart from the author's connection in a literary way with Swift, Moliere, and M. Rostand's famous play. It shows rare enterprise on the publisher's part that they should have unearthed the manuscript of this seventeenth century romance and presented it in such a short time to the public.

The popularity of the little book is shown by the fact that though published only three weeks ago it is already in its third edition.

Doomsday. By Crabtree Hemenway. 128 pages, 16 mo. Boston: Copeland & Day.

The author's name is not a familiar one, but for several reasons it seems

mannerisms in her style, each new book of Miss Trumbull's is more pleasing than the preceding one. It is rarely that this can be sincerely said of a popular writer.

In "Mistress Content Cradock" the author has produced, with rare skill, a portrait of an ideal of noble young womanhood—an ideal which exists, but which is like a precious jewel whenever and wherever found. The story is a love romance of early times in the Bay Colony. John Cotton and Roger Williams are among the several historical characters introduced.

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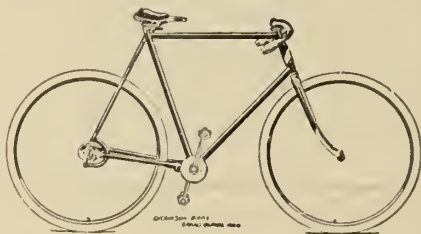
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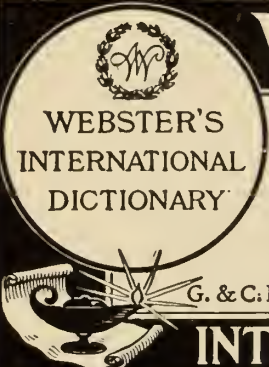
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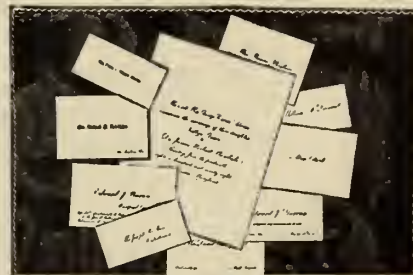
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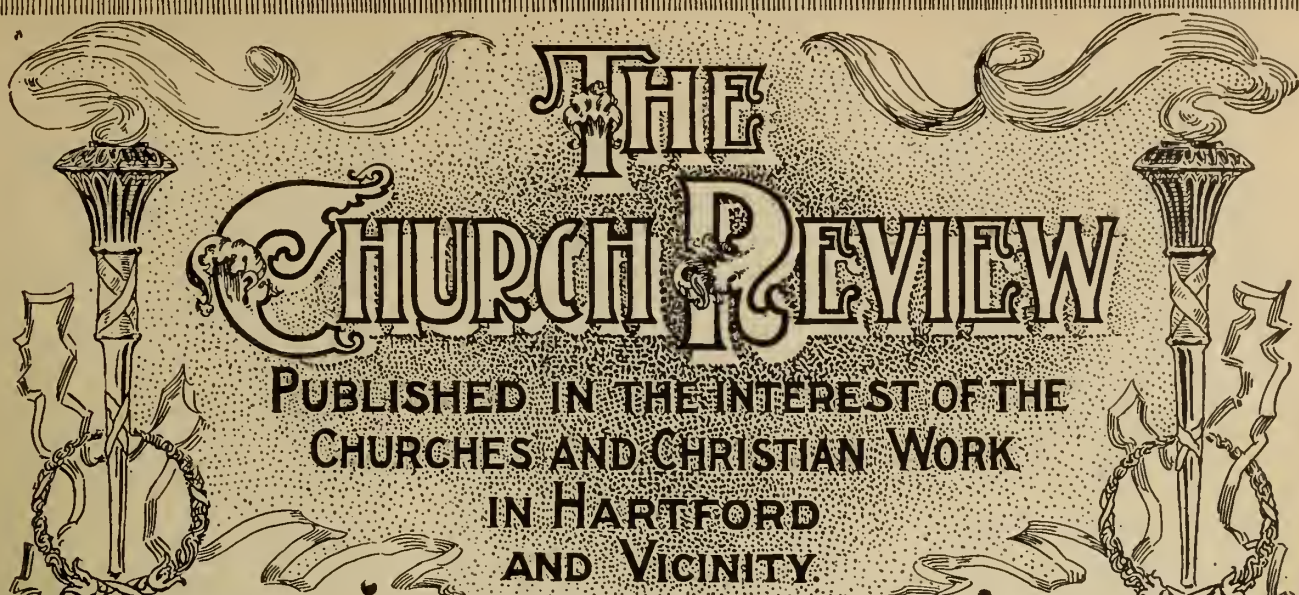
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FORMERLY YOUNG PEOPLE AT WORK.

THE HARVEST DAY.

BY JOHN C. WHITTIER.

It may not be our lot to wield
The sickle in the ripened field;
Nor ours to hear, on summer eves,
The reaper's songs amid the sheaves.

Yet where our duty's task is wrought
In unison with God's great thought,
The near and future blend in one,
And whatsoe'er is willed is done.

And ours the grateful service whence
Comes day by day the recompense;
The hope, the trust, the purpose stayed,
The fountain and the noonday shade.

And were this life the utmost span,
The only end and aim of man,
Better the toil of fields like these,
Than waking dreams and s'othful ease.

But life, though falling like our grain,
Like that revives and springs again;
And, early called, how blest are they
Who wait in heaven their harvest day!

IT'S BEAUTIFUL.

To see a strong man helping the weak
And making their cause his own.
Then reaping a harvest of grateful love
In the fields where his strength was
sown—

'Tis a beautiful thing to see!

To say a word of encouraging cheer
To a fainting fellow soul
That lacks but a hearty "Friend, God-
speed!"

To bring it home to its goal—

'Tis a beautiful thing to say!

To put one's breast as a bulwark strong
In front of some friendless wight,
To shield his heart from an ugly wrong
And conquer for him his right—

'Tis a beautiful thing to do!

A NEW METHODIST CHURCH.

The curiosity of every child is awakened by the halting of a moving-van before the door of any neighbor. Are there children in the household, their little playmates upon the street are eager to ask the questions, "Where are you going to move?" or "What are you going to move away for?" Communities are not unlike children, and if the party changing locality happens to be a man of note, or if it is an institution that is to change its base of operations, the interest spreads itself in large circles, and did one take the time and pains to listen where curious folk congregate to talk over the news of the day, he would discover that the trend of conversation would be upon the proposed change.

A short time ago our city papers were full of the news that a syndicate had been formed in some business, that new dwellings would be required, and that in all probability ten thousand people would be added to the inhabitants of Hartford within an incredibly short time. So cheering was the news, so bracing to the spirits of all good business men, that we all talked about it and only hoped the new business would benefit our particular locality, as well as the city at large.

A short time ago it was rumored that the oldest Methodist Episcopal Church in Hartford was to be moved from its present locality. Business men had said for a long time that the present site of the church was too valuable for mercantile purposes to be used for a church, and thought it was a wise project. Some doubted the truth of the rumor, others claimed that the older members would never consent to the scheme. Upon investigation it was ascertained, however, that a New Church Committee had been formed, and that the Quarterly Conference, the governing body of that

denomination, had actually granted permission to sell. This is a movement that naturally and rightfully interests the whole Christian community in this city.

Of course it will be hard to move. Many will undoubtedly be swayed by sentiment and never will the old edifice look so dear as now. No Society can remain so long in one locality as has the First Church without forming about itself many associations that are pleasant and endearing, and the very thought of abandoning them is painful. It was doubtless so when this same Society moved from the old site on Trumbell street to its present position. Indeed it was our privilege not a long time ago to be present at one of the social meetings of the First Church and listen to the reminiscences of some of its oldest members who had joined the Trumbell street Church. They loved that old building because there were associations belonging to it that can never be transferred to any other house in this world. They recalled the ministers who taught them in divine things, the brethren whose voices were frequently heard in the social services, and they grew joyous in recalling those scenes. It is nothing strange, therefore, when it is thought best to seek a new locality, better suited to prosecuting the work of Christ's kingdom, that many should object on the ground of "old associations."

Upon second thought, however, we believe that better judgment will prevail. Every church is supposed to be located where it can do the most good. It would be useless to establish Salvation Army Barracks on Washington street, or upon the quiet residential portion of the "Hill." For although the inhabitants in those localities need the same gospel, the manner of presenting it usually adopted by the Army would not commend itself to them, and the

Barracks if built at all should be in a different part of the city. Any one taking the pains of watching the congregation gathering at the First Church on Sunday morning, will observe that a large portion of them come on the trolley cars, or walk very long distances, indicating that the congregation has itself abandoned the locality, and attend simply because they love Methodism, and this is the nearest church of their choice. The great question for any church similarly situated to decide is where do the majority of its members reside, and where within the next twenty years will a Methodist Church be most needed. The first question may easily be ascertained, but the second is fraught with great difficulty. Such a decision must depend largely upon the faith and good judgment of Godly men, and from our knowledge of the governing body of the First Church, we believe they have sufficient quantity of both qualities to come to a very wise conclusion.

In our opinion, Methodism has a mission among us, and we would be pleased to see this old "Mother of all Methodism" in this city move into a locality where she could do her best work. We doubt not that the moment the new enterprise is fairly launched a new enthusiasm will possess the entire membership, and the most sanguine hopes will not only be realized but will be surpassed. It has always been so through all our observations and we do not believe this will be an exception. We bid them God-speed in this laudable undertaking.

[Editorial Note. By request, the name of the writer of this article is omitted. The Subject is one which of course chiefly concerns the First M. E. Church, but the editor's regard it of sufficient general interest also to warrant publication here.]

MR. MOODY'S SUMMER PROGRAM AT NORTHFIELD, MASS.

From the opening of "The Northfield" on June 9, until into September, events of interest follow each other in quick succession. The Commencement exercises of the Seminary and Mount Hermon School during the week June 10-17 attract numbers of visitors who find this an excellent opportunity to see these schools. Rev. Dr. S. Parkes Cadman of New York will give the Commencement address to the Seminary, and Rev. George Adam Smith of Glasgow, to Mount Hermon. Mr. Moody will preach the Graduation Sermon on Sunday, June 11. The Seminary is just completing its twentieth year, and the anniversary will be celebrated by a Reunion of former teachers and students on June 14.

On June 29, Camp Northfield opens for its fifth season. It is the aim to secure to young men from both city and college, at the lowest possible figure, all that is desirable in a vacation—rest, variety in recreation, healthful and comfortable surroundings, and inspiring companionship.

A most important factor in the development of the College Young Men's Christian Association, has been the World's Student conference. Since Mr. Moody's first invitations in 1886, year by year, in steadily increasing numbers, college men have gathered for the study of the Bible and methods and problems of the Association work. Five Bible courses will be presented this year with the aim of training those who take the work to conduct classes in these courses in their own college Associations. The morning is thus given to classes and study, the afternoon spent in recreation. Sunset meetings on Round Top are devoted to life-work topics, while evening platform addresses will be given by various well known preachers and laymen. To this conference some delegates not only from the principal educational institutions of this country, but also from Great Britain, the Continent, India, China and Japan.

The dates for the conference this year are June 30 to July 10.

From July 14 to 24 will meet the youngest of the Northfield conferences that of the Young Women's Christian Association of which mention is made in another column.

The oldest and most largely attended of the Northfield gatherings is the General Conference of Christian Workers, meeting this year from Aug. 1st through the 20th. To it come missionaries from home or foreign fields; pastors from the large city charge or small and scattered country parish; teachers, professors, students, from college and theological school; business men and business women, with many others young and old, attracted year by year not alone by the natural beauty of Northfield, but by the earnest and convincing messages of the fundamental truths of Christian faith living. Among the leading speakers this year will be Rev. G. Campbell Morgan, Rev. S. A. Selwyn, Rev. F. B. Meyer, of England, and D. L. Moody.

The daily Bible lectures given by eminent Christian scholars, during the last part of July, and after the close of the August conferences, are an important feature, affording opportunity not only for study at greater leisure than is possible when there are so many engagements in the day, but also for meeting and converse with the teachers.

All Northfield opens its arms to receive the Conference. "The Northfield," and the halls and dormitories of the Seminary are taxed to their utmost capacity; nearly every house in the village has its guests, and yet the demand for accommodations increases until this year the buildings of Mt. Hermon school will be opened for guests, and stage service connect daily with Northfield.

Steinitz, the famous chess-player, often became absorbed in consideration of the game when walking in the most crowded thoroughfares. "Move on," said a policeman one day. "Excuse me," said the absent-minded champion, "but it is your move."

SOME AMERICAN CASTLES.

The Hudson has been called the Rhine of America, and there are many features of resemblance between the two rivers which render the comparison not merely fanciful. The Rhine attracts tourists; so does the Hudson. Both assume a variety of aspects in their majestic course to the sea—sometimes flowing tranquilly between undulating hills, and again winding rapidly through mountain fastnesses.

The part of the Rhine most celebrated and admired, the most interesting to the historian and inspiring to the poet, is that which flows through the dark chaos of volcanic mounds, from Koenigswinter to Bingen, which the Romans called the *Alpes des Cattes*. The part of the Hudson of which the same can be said with equal truth is that which traverses the lofty chain of wooded hills, from Newburgh to Peekskill, which our ancestors named the "Highlands."

The Rhine is associated with many legends; the Hudson has its legends also. The Rhine is bordered with ruined castles; the Hudson with castles that are not in ruins. And, as the ancient structures upon the former river remain like eternal monuments of the dark dramas that have been enacted within their walls, so the modern edifices upon the latter stand as mute witnesses of many a recent drama in which joy and sorrow, ambition and disappointment have played contrasting parts. Indeed, there is a romantic story connected with every castle on the Hudson.

A half-hour's sail up the river from New York brings the tourist in view of the battlemented keep and tower of Fonthill, rising above the treetops on the summit of Mount St. Vincent. The castle is built of stone, in imitation of the Norman-Gothic structures of the Middle Ages, and lacks but the moat and the drawbridge to present a perfect picture of an old feudal stronghold. In all other respects it is the most complete reproduction of a mediaeval castle that can be found in this country.

Fonthill was erected by Edwin Forrest, the great tragedian, when he was in the zenith of his fame, and was intended for the happy retreat of his declining years. It was destined, however, to be intimately associated with the domestic tragedy that broke up his home and embittered the last days of his life. The story of his famous divorce suit is too well known to bear repetition; but it is not so well known that the incidents which led up to it were developed while he was engaged in laying out his extensive grounds and building his beautiful Norman castle at Fonthill.

Fonthill Castle is at present occupied by an aged prelate of the Roman Catholic Church. The Right Rev. Monsignor Bernard O'Reilly, Prothonotary Apostolic of the Papal Court, the author of the *Lives of Popes Pius IX., and Leo XIII.*, and other scholarly works, is spending the evening of his days in this quiet, beautiful retreat.

Greystone, the historic castle in which the late Samuel J. Tilden spent the declining years of his life, also has its story of misfortune. It was built by John J. Waring, a wealthy hat manufacturer of Yonkers, who spent the greater part of his fortune on the property. Before erecting his palace of stone, he was uniformly successful in all his enterprises. He was one of the largest hat manufacturers in the country, and was reputed to be many times a millionaire. On moving into the castle, he set up an establishment the magnificence of which recalled to mind the pomp and splendor of feudal times. He maintained a large retinue of servants, and gave entertainments that were the wonder of all the country round; but, within a few years, misfortunes began to gather round him.

If he had not had his great castle to maintain he might have weathered the storm. The large sum that was tied up in the property, together with the enormous expenditures that such an estab-

lishment demanded, precipitated his ruin. Then Mr. Tilden came forward and bought the place for about one-sixth of its original cost. Strange as it may seem, no sooner had Mr. Waring abandoned his castle home than fortune began once more to smile upon him. He started manufacturing hats again on a limited scale, and gradually increased his business until he regained a large part of the fortune he had lost.

Of all the Hudson River castles only one is a ruin. It stands on a hillside between Irvington and Tarrytown, and was formerly the abode of Albert Bierstadt, the artist, whose large paintings of nature in her grandest aspects were at one time in such great demand. The immense foundations of the building can still be seen, occupying the whole length and breadth of an artificial plateau, but of its superstructure not one stone remains standing upon another. A broad flight of steps, leading down into a labyrinth of subterranean vaults and passages, is all

that remains of the once noble edifice, the other portions of which present a picture of desolation that is heightened by the efforts of nature to hide the crumbling stones beneath a luxuriant growth of verdure. The grounds surrounding the ruin present a still gloomier appearance. The winding avenue leading to the entrance is broken by ruts and fissures; the once stately trees are marred by many a dead and broken limb, and the lawn, which formerly sloped westward to the highway like a tranquil sea of green, is overgrown with rank weeds and coarse grasses.

Albert Bierstadt built his castle in 1866, when he was in the height of his fame and prosperity. His pictures of mountain scenery were selling for fabulous prices, and were in such eager request that an immense fortune seemed to be within his grasp. Possessed by the love of luxury and display that is so characteristic of the artistic temperament, it was only natural that he

it contained. It was blotted out from the landscape as effectually as though it had been a cloud castle dissipated by the wind. Bierstadt never attempted to rebuild it, partly because he had not the heart for the undertaking, and partly because he had not the means.

A castle that represents an imposing appearance from the Hudson stands on the Lydenhurst estate, the country seat of the Gould family in Irvington. It is constructed of blue and white stone, and has a great, square tower at its southern end, that rises to a height of one hundred feet from the ground. Its ivy mantled walls appear suddenly to the tourist through a vista in the surrounding trees, and he must be insensible indeed to all that renders travel interesting if he does not straightway make inquiries as to its history.

A part of the present edifice was built in 1840 by General William Paulding, a brother of James K. Paulding, the distinguished author and Secretary of the Navy under President Van Buren. At his death the place came into the possession of his son, Philip R. Paulding, who sold it in 1864 to Mr. George Merritt, a gentleman of large fortune, who up to that time had been living handsomely, but well within his means, on a fine estate in Tarrytown. But no sooner had he settled upon his new estate than he abandoned his conservatism and gave free rein to the most extravagant ideas.

Ambitious to own the most beautiful country seat in America, he remodeled and enlarged the old Paulding mansion to its present dimensions, and built the tall tower at its southern end. He next turned his attention to the grounds. The greater part of the land consisted of hills and ravines, lying in a wild state of nature, and swampy meadows overgrown with bushes and brambles. A large force of workmen was required to change this wilderness into a park. About twenty acres were laid out in lawns; the ravines and hills were rendered picturesque by the art of the landscape gardener; the finest and rarest varieties of trees and shrubs were planted, besides gardens for the cultivation of vegetables, fruit and flowers. While this work was in progress, five charming cottages, an immense stable and a greenhouse, four hundred feet long and eighty feet wide, with a great dome rising to a height of eighty feet from its centre, were being erected.

When Mr. Merritt died, in 1873, the estate was considered the handsomest on the Hudson, but it had cost him his fortune to render it so. It was found he had left his heirs scarcely a dollar apart from his country seat. The place lay in comparative neglect for several years, and then was purchased by the late Jay Gould for a sum representing but a small fraction of its cost to Mr. Merritt.

On a picturesque promontory that juts into the Hudson north of Tarrytown stands the magnificent country house—half castle, half chateau—erected a few years ago by William Rocke-



LYDENHURST CASTLE.

should strive to emulate the manner of living of the great mediaeval painters who basked in the favor of courts and maintained establishments that were the envy of princes.

In his castle he realized his life for a time. He was lavish in his expenditures and entertained with regal magnificence. As it was his ambition to render his home a museum of rare and beautiful objects, he made frequent trips abroad in search of costly works of art with which to adorn it; and from these excursions he always returned with a store of antique furniture, exquisitely woven tapestries and hangings, paintings and statuary of great value, and many little curios of wondrous workmanship. For a long time he expended the greater part of his large income in this way, until his castle became a veritable treasure house of art, representing the bulk of his fortune. Then, on one unfortunate night, it burned to the ground with all that



FORREST CASTLE.

efeller, the Standard Oil magnate. Although the present structure is of too recent a date to have gathered round it associations of romantic or historic interest, its predecessor on the same site had a record that will not be readily forgotten by residents on the Hudson.

The Rockefeller property was originally a part of the great Beekman estate. It passed through a number of hands into the possession of William H. Aspinwall, one of the greatest merchants that America has produced. Mr. Aspinwall was born in New York in 1807, and was descended from a family which came to this country among the earliest settlers of New England. After having acquired a good education, young Aspinwall entered the house of G. G. & S. S. Howland as a clerk, which position he occupied until 1832, when he was taken into partnership by the firm, with the understanding that he should receive one-fourth of the profits of the commission business, which then amounted to about \$60,000 a year. It was while a member of this firm that he laid the foundation of the splendid fortune he acquired in after years.

With his accession of wealth Mr. Aspinwall became desirous of founding a great family. Knowing the importance of large landholdings to such a purpose, he purchased from a Mr. Bartlett an extensive tract of land north of Tarrytown, which is part of the present Rockefeller property, and erected upon it a splendid mansion. He spent immense sums of money in converting the land into a park, built fine stables and greenhouses, and comfortable dwellings for his large retinue of servants. For some years before his death his country seat was considered the finest piece of suburban property near New York. In his stately mansion—a huge, rambling pile, with high Gothic windows, ornate turrets and fantastic towers—he entertained with lavish hospitality such distinguished personages as Commodore Perry, Pierre Van Cortlandt, Dr. William Creighton, Captain Slidell McKenzie

and General John C. Fremont.

At this period the Aspinwalls were regarded as one of the foremost and wealthiest families in America. William H. Aspinwall, the head of the house, was a veritable merchant prince. He was one of the projectors of the Panama Railroad, and the Pacific Mail Steamship Company had been successfully organized through his efforts; so that his reputation was not merely that of a great merchant, but of a public benefactor as well. He lived to see the full value of what he had accomplished demonstrated.

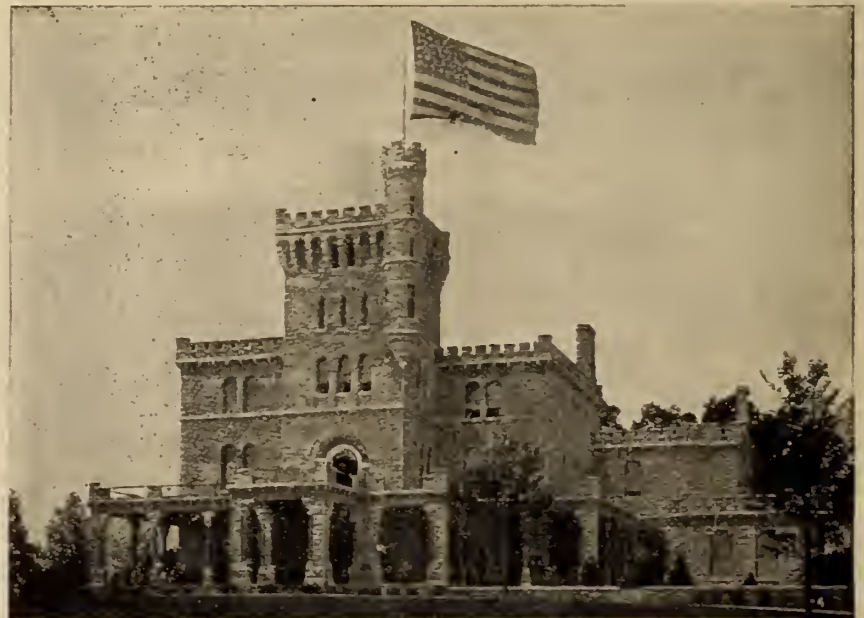
With his death, however, the fortunes of the family he had founded began to decline. Perhaps the prime reason for their loss of worldly possessions and social prominence was that the expense of maintaining their large estate on the Hudson was too great even for their means. Misfortune after misfortune overtook them, and they were finally obliged to part with their

castle home. The place remained unoccupied for some time, and was then purchased by William Rockefeller, who demolished the old building to make room for the great castle that now stands upon the site.

Of the castles generally included in the Rhine group, some are situated many miles from the banks of that famous stream, and the same holds true of the castles of the Hudson.

About twelve miles to the east of the latter river, surmounting a wooded ridge in the little town of Purchase, Westchester County, stands a mammoth edifice of gray stone, with a battlemented tower, that has passed through many vicissitudes of good and evil fortune. The original structure was erected by the late Benjamin Halliday, who ran the first line of mail stages across the plains and made a fortune in the enterprise. He subsequently turned his attention to mining, and, making a lucky investment in the celebrated Ophir Mine, added largely to his wealth. Then he came east and bought an extensive tract of land in Westchester County, which he named the Ophir Farm, after the mine from which he had drawn such a large proportion of his millions.

On the highest ground of his vast estate "Ben" Halliday built his castle, and entered upon a manner of living that was at once magnificent and savage. The Halliday family occupied only a part of the great building. His wife is said to have been a remarkably handsome woman, with social aspirations that were never realized. His sons and daughters shocked the little Quaker settlement at Purchase with the wild, free manners of the prairie. They rode about the country mounted on fiery mustangs, in buckskin hunting suits and broad sombreros—the girls with their long hair streaming in the wind—snapping their pistols at every barnyard fowl they passed in their mad career. In the fields and



OPHIR FARM.—CASTLE OF WHITE LAW REID.

woods about the castle herds of deer and buffalo roamed, and it was whispered among the neighboring farmers that even bears and other formidable beasts had been turned loose by the Western nabob in the preserves he had set apart for hunting.

"Ben" Halliday had started life as a stage-driver on the plains on the mail routes established by Major Chorpensing. It is said that he took advantage of his employer, during the latter's absence in the East, and succeeded, by rendering the major's mail contracts void, and afterward securing them for himself, in superseding him in the business. In this way he laid the foundations of the vast fortunes he afterward acquired. If this story is true, "Ben" Halliday's treachery met with a deserved retribution.

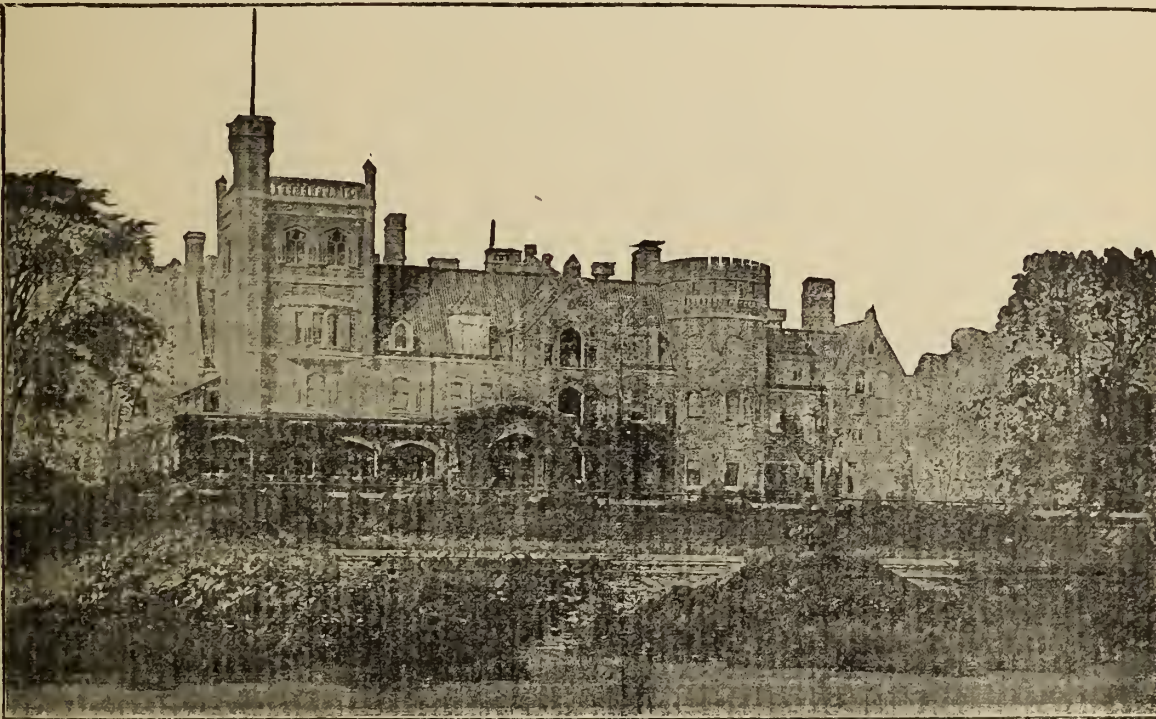
He had not enjoyed his splendid es-

day, and was now a retainer in the service of John Roach, was sitting by the fire in the parlor of the gatehouse, when he heard a knock at the front door. On opening it a shabbily dressed young man, unshaven and emaciated, staggered into the room, and advanced with out-stretched hands toward the fire. It was "Ben" Halliday's eldest son, once the heir to millions, now a homeless vagrant. He told the old lodgekeeper a pitiful story of his downfall through dissipation, and asked to be sheltered for the night. The faithful servant set before him a hot supper, which he devoured ravenously, and then lodged him in his own comfortable bedroom. The following morning he furnished him with money and bade him Godspeed on his journey. The young man died in poverty not long afterward.

While John Roach occupied the

The present owner of the Ophir Farm is the Hon. Whitelaw Reid, editor of the *New York Tribune*, and ex-United States Minister to France. But even Mr. Reid's possession of the ill-omened castle has not been altogether fortunate. After expending \$1,000,000 in adorning its interior it caught fire, just as he was preparing to move into it, and was partially destroyed. It is said that it cost him an additional \$1,000,000 to rebuild it.

From the foregoing instances it would seem that one of the surest ways to court misfortune in this land of equality and freedom is to attempt to reconstruct the inequality and feudalism of the past. The spirit that prompts men to build great castles is un-American. A castle is the embodiment in stone of a semi-barbarous age—of an age of seigneurs and serfs. It is an expression of feudalism. In a land of



ROCKEFELLER CASTLE.

tate in Westchester long before misfortunes began to gather round him. Unlucky speculations in mines and innumerable law suits soon swallowed up his entire means, and the Ophir Farm was offered for sale. It was purchased by John Roach, the great ship-builder, who greatly beautified the property and made many improvements in the castle. After leaving their magnificent home, the Hallidays seem to have been pursued by an evil destiny. First Mrs. Halliday died, and was buried in the little gothic chapel she had caused to be erected for private worship on the Ophir Farm. Then one by one the other members of the family passed away under circumstances of a more or less distressing nature, until, finally, only the eldest son was left.

One stormy winter night the old lodgekeeper of the Ophir Farm who had been in the employ of "Ben" Halli-

Ophir Farm, many distinguished statesmen were entertained at the castle, for Mr. Roach's close affiliations with the Navy Department brought him into friendly relations with the most prominent legislators in the country.

On one occasion President Grant was a guest of the famous ship-builder, and the story is told of how the military hero won a lot of money from his host in a memorable game of poker, played in a room high up in the great square tower. The election of Grover Cleveland to the Presidency, in 1884, resulted in the ruin of Mr. Roach. William C. Whitney, the new Secretary of the Navy, inaugurated a new policy in the administration of naval affairs, which proved very disastrous to the naval contractor, who had been favored by former secretaries. John Roach lost his entire fortune and died of a broken heart.

equality it has no place, and perhaps it is not too great a stretch of imagination to assume that the genius that presides over this free land, devotes to misfortune all those who are in anyway associated with such suggestions of a past tyranny.

The Anglican bishop of London, in introducing recently a temperance delegation to the prime minister, pointed out that, whereas, it takes one thousand people to support a baker's shop, and seven or eight hundred to maintain a butcher, both dealing in the necessities of life, there is in many parts of Great Britain a public house to every one hundred or one hundred and twenty inhabitants. This is a standing disgrace to the country.



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL.

The Vesper Services which have been so thoroughly enjoyed by the congregation and friends during the winter were stopped May 21st.

The buildings that stood near the church on Gold Street have all been removed and appropriate exercises in honor of the old burying ground will soon take place.

Plans are now being proposed for a closing entertainment for the Sunday-school before the summer vacation begins.

There was talk in our Young People's Society of keeping up the meetings during the summer. This seems a very good plan as the Waburton Chapel meeting has united with ours and we can expect good attendance.

These meetings of the young people show the life of the church, and when kept up earnestly make a very interesting and helpful part of the services of the church. The Society intends to purchase the volumes which the Yale Missionary Band has spoken of on Mission work.

FIRST BAPTIST.

On Tuesday evening, the 13th, our Young People's Association held their regular quarterly business meeting. Following the meeting was a reception tendered to Miss Cora B. Smith, our new Pastor's Assistant, by the young people.

An effort, of the success of which there seems no reason to be doubtful, is being made to raise \$1000 for the support of a missionary, Dr. John Stewart Timpany, who has a medical mission at Hanamaconda, India.

The Friendly Brothers Society is progressing as usual. One of its members recently finished the accumulation of one hundred dollars in the Society's Savings Bank.

Our Sunday-school recently appointed a "Picnic Committee" of five to arrange for a picnic at an early date.

Children's Day was observed in our church by an appropriate service in the evening. The principal thought of the service was "the Good Shepherd." A large orchestra assisted in the singing which was very pleasing. The entire musical programme was under the direction of Mr. Clarence Shumway, and it showed a great deal of painstaking arrangement on his part, and was thoroughly appreciated by a large audience.

SOUTH PARK METHODIST.

Children's Day was observed with appropriate exercises. The pastor preached a sermon to the children in the morning on "The Heart as a Garden." The concert in the evening by the Sunday-school was largely attended and much enjoyed.

The church bicycle club has had several runs during the month, going to New Britain, Keneby Park, Newington and the West Hartford Reservoirs. The club is increasing in membership and interest.

The regular monthly business meeting of the Endeavor Society will be held on Wednesday evening, June 14th. At this meeting officers and committees for the ensuing six months will be elected.

Preparations are being made for the Annual Sunday-school picnic which will be held the last of this month, uniting with the First and North M. E. churches in going to White Oak Grove.

The ladies of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held a Thank-Offering service at the home of Mrs. Groesbeck, West Hartford, on Friday afternoon, June 9th. The Offering amounted to \$27.

WETHERSFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

Rev. Israel Jordan of Maine, supplied our pulpit June 4th and 11th.

Rev. W. M. Baker, our former pastor, is expected to preach one Sunday late in the month.

The Mission study class of the Endeavor Society, which has been studying about China for several months with much profit and interest, held its last meeting until September, Friday evening for general review.

The Endeavor Society gave a play entitled "The Peak Sisters" Wednesday in the Grange Hall, proceeds for the benefit of a new piano recently purchased.

Children's Day was observed last Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the church. A printed program entitled "Our Mission" was very nicely carried out, and quite a collection was taken for the Congregational Sunday-school and Peoples' Society.

On June 25th, Mr. Joshua Belden of Newington is expected to give us a report of the recent International Sunday school Convention held at Atlanta, Ga.

HOCKAMUN CONGREGATIONAL.

Children's Day was observed Sunday morning at this church with appropriate exercises. The children of the Sunday-school taking part, some in song and some in speaking, gave a very interesting program.

Sunday evening, June 18th, it is planned to have a union meeting of the Methodist and Congregational churches, and both senior and junior societies, in a temperance program, conducted by the Good Samaritan Society of Hartford.

CHRIST CHURCH.

On Sunday evening, April 16th, three new members were formally admitted to full membership in the Chapter of the Daughters of the King.

The Rector gave an appropriate address from the text: "Whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant."

The form of admission used was that which is adopted by the council of the Daughters of the King.

The Sunday-school united with the other Episcopal Sunday-schools of the city in a missionary service at Trinity Church on Sunday afternoon, June 4th.

On Tuesday evening, June 6th, four students from Trinity College were formally admitted to full membership in the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. The services being conducted by the Rector in the Chancel of the church.

The annual picnic of the Sunday-school will take place at Hanover Park, Meriden, on Saturday, June 24th.

FOURTH CONGREGATIONAL.

The young people's class enjoyed a very pleasant outing on Friday evening, June 2nd. Taking the third rail cars to Elmwood, a short walk brought the company to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Monger, members of the class, where the evening slipped away all too quickly in games and merry making generally.

The Bible class met for a social Wednesday, June 9th. About two hundred accepted their invitation, greatly enjoying the program of music and readings furnished for their entertainment.

Children's Sunday was made doubly enjoyable to the parents as well as the children by the introduction of a children's choir under the leadership of Mr. Benedict. The children sang remarkably well for the short time they had been rehearsing and their eager faces and bright dresses looking down from among the flowers added greatly to the spirit of the day.

OLIVET BAPTIST.

During the past our society has been doing very good work.

For last year we pledged our hundred dollars toward church expenses and we have met all but three dollars and a half of that amount. The Evangeline Circle have held a "Homemade Pastry Sale" and are soon to give a cantata entitled the Choicest Gifts, which we hope will be patronized by many.

The pastor, Rev. James B. Connell, and organist, Mr. Herbert W. Newton gave a musical entertainment recently.

The small admission of ten cents was charged, and including a small pledge, over fifteen dollars was realized.

Our pastor, owing to his poor eyesight is soon to start on a trip to his home in Scotland for an indefinite period. During his absence the pulpit

will be supplied by different ministers of the city. We trust that all will remain loyal to the church during our pastor's absence.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL, EAST HARTFORD.

Secretary W. E. Barton gave an instructive and deeply interesting address on the work of the American Board last month.

A purse of \$275 was presented to our retiring pastor, Rev. S. A. Barrett, in addition to the \$75 contributed by the Endeavor Society, and \$50 from another member. Mrs. Barrett was presented, by the ladies, with a beautiful sunburst of pearls with a diamond center.

Prof. A. T. Perry is supplying the pulpit during the month of June.

Children's Day was observed June 11th with appropriate exercises. The floral decorations were unusually beautiful, helped out with hundreds of pinks, the gift of Mr. W. H. Atkins of Burnside, florist. There were two children baptized, William Pitkin Olmsted and Bessie May Crane. Prof. Perry preached an excellent sermon to the children, which was listened to with deep interest and profit by the adults.

PARK CONGREGATIONAL.

Children's Sunday was observed June 11th. The Sunday-school session was omitted, and the children went to the morning service where Mr. Rainey spoke to them. Three members of the school united with the church.

The Sunday-school picnic was held at White Oak Grove June 3rd, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who went.

May 28th, Rev. Mr. Pope spoke to us on the Connecticut Home Missionary Society, and in a very interesting way pointed out the needs of the Society.

NEW BRITAIN AVE. MISSION.

Children's Sunday was observed the 11th by the Mission Sunday-school. An entertaining program of songs, duets, recitations and exercises by the primary class was carried out in an enjoyable manner. A very impressive feature of the hour was the baptizing of five little ones by the Rev. H. H. Kelsey of the Fourth Church. The hall was very prettily decorated with wild flowers and roses. The Blossom Band took the floral decorations to the sick children at the City Hospital today.

Thursday, June 15th, occurs the wedding of Miss Mary Edna Joslyn to Howard French Porter, both prominent in Mission circles. The ceremony will take place in the Mission Chapel at 5 p. m.

The Ladies' Aid Society connected with the Mission are arranging for a festival and sale to be given in the Chapel probably next week.

The Sunday-school has arranged for its annual picnic to take place at Laurel Park, July 6th. The trip will be made it is understood by special cars.

PARKVILLE METHODIST.

The annual Sunday-school picnic will be enjoyed this year at Lake Suipis, Saturday, June 24th.

The Junior League made an enjoyable visit to Rev. and Mrs. Amos Osborn and family at West Hartford, Saturday afternoon, June 10th.

Mrs. Ellis, National President of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will honor our church with an address on Wednesday evening, June 21st.

During Sunday evenings in the months of July and August the Epworth League devotional services will be combined with the evening preaching services as last summer in the form of an enjoyable vesper service.

UNITY CHURCH.

The regular children's social was held May 26th. The principal feature of the entertainment was the presentation, by about fifteen of the children, of "The Family Album," written by Miss Kate F. Ellis of this city. Miss Nonna Eaton, who took the part of Miss Almira Peace, the owner of the Album, gave a brief description of each picture before it was presented. The old fashioned costumes were very quaint and pretty and the Album was voted a great success. It was followed by recitations and music. This is the last social of the season, as the picnic will take the place of the June Social and the church is closed through July and August.

The new hospitality committee gave its first social June 2nd in the parlors of the church. Miss Ethel Dickinson sang very acceptably "Kentucky Babe," and "The Family Album" was repeated with great success. Ice cream and cake were then served to the unusually large number of church people present and the season ended with one of its most successful socials.

An extra meeting of the Woman's Alliance was held in the church parlors, Friday afternoon, June ninth. A very pleasant afternoon was spent with music and readings. Light refreshments were served.

Miss Grace Clark Kimball, daughter of Rev. John C. Kimball, a former pastor of Unity Church, was married at noon June eighth to William Lyman Griswold, of Greenfield, Mass., at her home. Mrs. Griswold has the best wishes of her many friends at Unity Church.

SOUTH BAPTIST.

The past month has been one of special missionary interest to us. Dr. Witter, the Yale Band, and finally Dr. Bunker, one of our veteran missionaries, having recently visited us, leaving as we believe, lasting impressions among the young and old and arousing greater interest in this most important work.

A very pleasing result of the visit of the Yale Band has been the starting of a missionary library, having procured the set of books offered by the Band for the use of the Young People's Society.

The Y. P. S. C. E. recently elected Mr. B. E. McKean as president and Mr. C. E. Cantlin as vice-president for the coming six months. The other officers serving another term.

The King's Daughters give their annual tea on Thursday afternoon of this week.

One of our most active members, Miss Alice E. Williams, is to be married at the church on Wednesday, June 21st.

She has been a faithful teacher in the Sunday-school, leader of the Junior King's Daughters, and for some time a most helpful member of our chorus-choir.

Her going from us means truly a great loss.

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL.

At a recent meeting of the Young People's Society of the South Church, Mr. Tre Fethren, a late graduate of the Theological Seminary, was greatly surprised by the presentation of eleven volumes of the Expositors' Bible, the gift of the society, the pastor included. It was a token of the appreciation of the faithful labors he had given while connected with this church and society, as well as a reminder of the affection and good wishes he carries with him as he becomes the pastor of a church in South Dakota.

June 11th was a memorable day in the church. The pastor, Dr. Parker, preached in the morning a most inspiring sermon upon "A shadow from the Heat." From first to last it was a clear note of courage, patience and rest in the enfolding and sheltering love of the Heavenly Father.

In the evening the City Guard held their annual Memorial Service. Into the church, beautifully decorated with flags, palms, and flowers, marched a long line of veterans, in citizens dress, followed by the present members of the City Guard in uniform.

The impressive service included lovely and appropriate music, and a fine address by Dr. Cooper of New Britain, upon "Comradeship," which stirred up tender memories of by-gone days, and recalled many noble deeds and lives.

SECOND ADVENT.

Our Young People's Society of Loyal Workers held its semi-annual meeting June 9th for the election of officers and to consider other matters of interest.

We have been called to mourn the loss of one of our members by death within the past month. Miss Nina Hough died with typhoid fever and was buried Memorial Day, this being the first death among our members since we organized, over three years ago.

Our new pastor, Rev. Geo. M. Teeple, occupied the pulpit for the first time as pastor June 4th. We hope to see his heart encouraged with success in his labors. He is a man who has been tried and found not wanting in efficiency as a pastor.

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HAPPINESS.

If the pursuit of our own happiness were made the chief end of our lives, if we were given every advantage of opportunity and wealth to assist us, if God let us have our own will and way for a long period, would we be able, with all these conditions in our favor, to reach out, to grasp, and to hold that elusive thing called—happiness?

Gratification we would surely feel in a measure as our plans were fulfilled, our ambitions realized, our business and social relations prospering, our health preserved and having ties of friendship to cheer us. We might have much to gratify us, yet, after all, is there not a very real and a very great distinction between mere gratification and true happiness?

Cannot the mind be so perverted that the calamity of a rival may gratify one? Does not the soldier feel a fierce gratification over a bloody victory? Yet, surely, happiness is not found in the disaster of a foe.

How many a maiden in the search for happiness, one day with hand out-held for her wedding ring, imagined that now it had come to her. And truly it was very near to her, and she kept it close for many a day. Yet she could not always keep it, and for some it would stay but for a day.

How many a man, joining her in the same pursuit, chases on and on, grasps the elusive thing for a moment, then loses it again.

So we all pursue it and desperately strive to overcome every obstacle in the way. On, on we go, but still it

goes on before us, a luminous will-o'-the-wisp.

Give up the futile chase. Abandon the pursuit of our own happiness for awhile. Help another in his pursuit. Try to find and bring it to him. We may succeed in our quest in his behalf, or we may fail, but wonderful and true it is, that whether we succeed or fail, if we but honestly strive, we find that while we are seeking it for another, it suddenly slipped into our own soul.

And that is the only place on this earth where we can hold it. Into a selfish soul it will never come, and we can all too easily drive it forth by letting our own selfish hopes or troubles crowd it out, and we are continually doing so.

Some day, in God's fair heaven, it will come to us and stay. We will know the true secret of it then, and from our hearts will be taken away every thought which could drive it out.

In the meantime, if the lessons of our lives teach us anything, they teach us this, that here we seek happiness in vain if we seek it for ourselves alone.

THE WHITE MAN'S BURDEN.

The slaughter in the Philippines goes merrily on, and good American blood stains the soil of "our new possessions." Of course the blood of the Filipino does not count in the scale at all, to offset the blood of Americans—that is with the powers which are guiding our nation at present—yet, before God, is not this "white man's burden" nothing less than a terrible crime, whereof the nation must pay the penalty sooner or later?

And not only must we play the knave; but the hypocrite as well, pretending as we do that the advantages of civilization are so great, that we are justified in thrusting them upon an unwilling people even at the point of the sword and bayonet.

Shame upon such hypocrisy! Here is what one of our exchanges says of it:

"The shame of the 'White Man's Burden' business is not that the Anglo-Saxon race is pursuing the course of its manifest destiny in taking possession of the islands of the sea, but that we attempt to deceive ourselves and each other by miscalling a campaign purely for commercial spoil a benevolent enterprise in the cause of freedom and true civilization. Its only real result is to brand us in the eyes of the keen-sighted world as the hypocrites we are. International robbery and extermination may indeed be in fulfillment of Survival of the Fittest, but it is not international brotherhood or humanitarianism! The record of this government in its dealings with its own Indian wards gives the lie direct to all our shameless protestations of benevolent intentions. The last of the Yaqui Indians was 'benevolently assimilated' into his grave a few days ago!"

And here is another selection quite as much to the point. It is taken from "Humanity" and is entitled "Take up the White Man's Musket":

"Take up the white man's musket,
The deadliest ones ye make;
Go drill your sons to use it,
And then, for Jesus' sake,
Send them with ammunition
To hunt these heathen wild,
Your new caught, sullen people
On whom God never smiled.

Take up the white man's cannon,
The largest that ye cast,
Go put it on your warships,
The strongest ones and fast—
Speed them to heathen countries,
Seek out each farthest spot,
And save these sullen people
With bibles and with shot."

DIOCESAN CONVENTION.

The convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut met in Christ Church, June 13th, about 250 clergymen and lay delegates being in attendance.

A resolution of courtesy was extended to the Right Rev. William Crosswell Doane, bishop of Albany, who was present, and he was invited to a seat beside the presiding bishop. After holy communion Bishop Doane preached the memorial sermon on the late Bishop John Williams.

The business session was held in the afternoon, and in the evening a largely attended reception was given by Bishop Brewster at his home on Woodland street.

DETROIT '99 CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CONVENTION.

As the time approaches for the great C. E. Convention at Detroit a great deal of interest is being manifested, and thousands are preparing to attend. A good sized delegation is assured from Connecticut, and ample hotel quarters have already been secured. The programme is an unusually varied one and includes addresses from prominent clergymen and lay workers from all over the world. The city of Detroit and its surroundings afford a great many points of interest to the tourist and many delightful side trips can be made.

Special excursion rates have been conceded by all railroads, but most of the state delegations will be under the direction of a state transportation manager. These delegations are met when about fifty miles from Detroit by four members of the Convention reception committee who act as an escort, information bureau, etc.

The convention opens Wednesday morning, July 5th, with the annual business meeting of the United Society. It closes Monday evening, July 10th.

We desire to extend to the rector and members of St. Thomas' Church our hearty congratulations on the event of the tenth anniversary of the Rev. Mr. Warner's rectorship which was celebrated on Sunday, the 21st day of May.

Secret societies at the High school are doubtless popular with many of the

scholars, yet they create distinctions which should not be fostered in a public school. Distinctions are bound to come later in life, but school days should be educational in more ways than one, and high school pupils have a great deal to learn from each other, even though their paths in after life may prove widely divergent.

Congratulations to Rev. Dr. Stone who has just completed the twentieth year of his pastorate at the Asylum Avenue Baptist church. During his pastorate Dr. Stone has won the hearts of his own congregation, and has made a host of friends outside. The church has seen a steady and healthful growth, and is prospering more today than ever. May Dr. Stone long continue his effective labors in the field he has occupied so long.

In the death of Mr. Rodney Dennis, Hartford loses a noble and public spirited citizen. He was always ready to give without ostentation of his time, his sympathy and his means to promote any just cause or to relieve individual distress. As president of the Connecticut Humane Society he found, perhaps, his greatest usefulness, and did an incalculable amount of good to men women and children, and to dumb animals as well.

At the First Baptist church Miss Cora B. Smith of New York has been engaged as assistant to the pastor. She is especially fitted by training and experience for her work, and she will enter upon it at once.

ADDITIONAL BOOK REVIEWS.

James Russell Lowell and His Friends. By Edward Everett Hale. 303 pages, 8 vo. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price \$3.00.

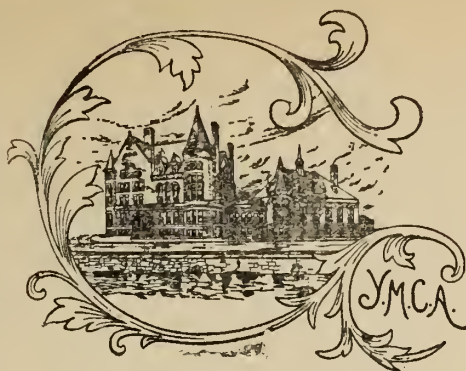
The text of this volume, as it appeared serially in "The Outlook," aroused a great amount of interest. As Dr. Hale was in College with Lowell and was his friend in after years he could form a very clear and critical estimate of Lowell's associates, life, and work.

He has made this a most informal biography, full of lively reminiscences and characteristic anecdotes which give a wider interest to the book, as a consideration of Lowell, than an unbroken, formal narrative of facts could possibly do. Not only, however, does the book refer to Lowell, but good pictures are given of those of his contemporaries who, it may be fairly said, gave the first real strength to the foundations of American literature.

The volume is filled with interesting portraits and illustrations.

WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

Our Sabbath-school children are preparing for Children's Day exercises, postponed until next Sunday evening. Each one is anxious to do their part. Rev. Mr. Elsdon is preaching a series of evening sermons on Man.



Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The reception held under the auspices of the membership committee have proven to be one of the best attractions ever offered to the young men of Hartford. As an evidence of this, for the last five Wednesday nights the building has been thronged by the members and their friends. In the early part of the evening they have been entertained by an orchestral concert given in the Reception Hall followed by a Basket Ball game between two of the league teams.

These games have been closely contested and full of snap and vigor. They have proven more interesting than those of last season.

The visitors at the close of the game assemble in the rotunda where they enjoy for an hour the music by the orchestra. Sociability reigns supreme. Many expressions of good-will to the Association for inaugurating these receptions have been heard and because of their success they will be continued throughout the month.

Found at last,—the right man. Mr. J. M. Goodwin will have charge of the Workingman's Exchange on Saturday evening. You will find him O. K. Drop in and get acquainted with him.

THE OPEN HEARTH.

The work of the Mission is still continued notwithstanding the warm weather and the attendance at the services is most gratifying. Numbers come forward for prayers and express their wish to lead better lives and the great good done is plainly manifested. Superintendent Miller is always ready to hear the tales of woe and sorrow and give comfort and advice to the erring ones, and his office at the Mission is open to all who desire comfort and consolation.

The Gospel Wagon commenced its summer work on Sunday, May 14th, and an attendance of nearly 1000 welcomed its appearance. The large crowd gave close attention to the addresses of Rev. Mr. Saltonstall and Evangelist Morton, and after the closing appeal of Sup't. Miller, several professed themselves desirous of returning to their Heavenly Father from whom they had stayed. Two persons had not been inside a church for years. The wagon will run regularly through the season under Sup't Miller's direction and addresses will be made by city clergymen.

HARTFORD CHARITIES.

The annual meeting of the trustees of the Good Will Club was held May 8th. The reports of the superintendent shows an enlargement of the membership, and of the educational facilities of the club and the treasurer's report shows receipts in excess of expenditures.

The annual meeting of the corporation of the American School of the Deaf was held May 13th. The report of the principal shows a continued increase in the attendance, the present number of pupils being 167. Increasing attention is given to speech and lip reading. Books prepared and published here are used in many schools for the deaf in this country and in a number of foreign lands.

The Connecticut Medical Society at its annual meeting, May 25th, passed resolutions favoring a State hospital for consumptives.

The Hartford Orphan Asylum gave a pleasant reception to the friends of the institution on the afternoon of May 27th. The annual meeting of the Asylum was held June 5th and brought out reports of satisfactory progress. The health of the children has been excellent since the new plumbing was completed.

WINDSOR CONGREGATIONAL.

A very pleasing entertainment was given at our chapel Wednesday evening, May 31st, by President Patch and his company of singers from Redfield College, South Dakota.

Rev. Mr. Paddock, home missionary at Weiser, Idaho, occupied the pulpit Sunday morning, June 4th, and also preached at the chapel in the evening. He interested us very much with his vivid descriptions of missionary life and work in a mining town of the West.

SUFFIELD ST. BAPTIST.

A strawberry supper took the place of the regular supper of the Dorcas Society Wednesday evening, June 7th, and was largely attended.

The members of the Sunday-school have planned Children's Day exercises to be given Sunday, June 18th.

The Y. P. S. C. E. had an interesting temperance meeting Friday evening, June 16th.

It was rumored that the society will send a delegate to Detroit.

WETHERSFIELD METHODIST.

The Children's Day service will be held Sunday evening, June 18th, under the direction of our superintendent, Mrs. Holmes.

One delegate from our League attended the Group Meeting at New Britain last week and reported a very interesting meeting.

Our pastor, Rev. Geo. Coburn, delivered the Memorial Day address in the Congregational church.

As the hot weather comes on remember that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever, and that His religion is as well adapted for July as January.

News of Churches.

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BLOOMFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

Mr. F. H. Darling, one of our most valued members, has lately accepted a position in Springfield, Mass. By his removal the Sunday-school also loses its assistant superintendent. Mr. and Mrs. Albert R. Welles, who will soon take up their residence in Southington, will also be greatly missed in the Church and Endeavor Society where they have held important offices.

Coming at a time when our society is in a none too prosperous condition, their absence will be the more keenly felt.

Mr. F. C. Bidwell who is serving on the Lookout Committee of the Hartford Union this year, has nearly completed his round of visitations among the societies. A report, embracing some of his observation regarding Endeavor work as seen in other societies has been requested and no doubt many helpful suggestions applicable to our own society, will be given.

Children's Day was observed June 11th as customary, and a well filled church and a well executed programme, were the rewards of the faithful work of teachers and scholars.

Wednesday, June 21st, the society will hold a Lawn Festival at Woodford Brothers, near the Blue Hills terminus.

This is the scene of many of the most remarkable social events in our society life and from all reports the coming festival will not be behind its predecessors in the variety and novelty of its attractions.

WEST HARTFORD CONGREGATIONAL.

A union Memorial service was held at the church Sunday evening, May 28. The address of the evening was given by the Rev. A. A. Kidder, while the opening exercises were conducted by Dr. Guannack, Rector of the Episcopal church, the Rev P. R. Day and Rev. T. M. Hodgdon. The church was tastefully trimmed with flags, and special music added to the attractiveness of the service.

The church was fortunate in having with it on Sunday evening, June 4th, Rev. Mr. Ray, of Cripple Creek, Colorado. In a most enthusiastic address he told of the great work accomplished in that mining community, and of the great needs yet to be supplied. In reply to a question often asked him as to why the West continually asked help of the East instead of caring for itself, he asked if Hartford, with all its churches, schools, and wealth could care for forty thousand people should they be dumped upon it in the space of six years? What then can be expected when these people thus suddenly congregate in a region previously uninhabited? As a response, the church gave Mr. Ray a generous contribution to his work.

Mr. Harry Abbe, of our Christian

Endeavor Society, and a senior in the Theological Seminary, is spending this month in company with his classmate Mr. Manwell, in making a missionary tour through Connecticut.

The ladies of the church are busily preparing a substantial box of hospital supplies for the use of Dr. Hamilton in her work in Aintab, Turkey. Dr. Hamilton will return to her work in July.

Pleasant Children's Day services were held Sunday, May 11th. Four babies were baptized, and Bibles were presented to six children who were baptized seven years ago. The Pastor preached a sermon especially for the children, at the close of which a bouquet was presented to each child present.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

Children's Day was appropriately observed at both morning and evening services Sunday, June 11th. Rev. W. W. Breckinridge, the pastor, preached a special sermon to the children at the morning service, a good attendance being present, there was also the ordination of baptism.

An interesting service was given by the school in the chapel at 7 P.M., taking the place of the young people's meeting, and the regular preaching service.

An exercise, "A Call to Praise," was rendered by the school. Prizes consisting of Bibles were awarded to five scholars for punctuality, deportment and the preparation of the lesson for the past six months. The successful ones were: Nina Eaton, Marion Pullar, James Pullar, John Riddell and Charles Brown.

A handsome Bible was also presented to Miss Nina Eaton for reciting the catechism. A collection for Sabbath-school missions was taken up, and will be forwarded to the Board. The Sunday-school association will meet Friday evening, when the matter of a piano and the closing of the school, during the month of August will be discussed.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

It is expected that the annual picnic of the Sunday-school will be held this year at Hanover Park, Meriden, on Saturday, June 24th, in company with the schools of Trinity and Christ Church.

The Sunday-school Choral service on the afternoon of May 14th was well attended and the choir never sung with more vigor and correctness. The address of Miss Maria Huntington on "China" was full of facts for Christians to ponder upon, and was especially interesting as coming from one who is in close touch with that far off land where there is such great need of the light of the Gospel.

The new Litany Desk in memory of Mrs. Helena E. W. Russell is a beautiful work of art. It is made entirely of polished brass with a large cross and the "Agnus Dei" wrought into its con-

struction. In addition to the name of Mrs. Russell the appropriate inscription is seen on the book rest:

"Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted."

The Desk is accompanied by a Litany service book, surmounted with a cross, the gift of Mrs. Russell's godson, Henry Lee Watson.

The service of dedication was held on Sunday, June 4th, when fitting collects were read by the rector and allusions made to the gift and the giver in the sermon.

NORTH METHODIST.

On Children's Day our Sunday-school had a specially interesting service, and in the evening exercises were held, which were very well attended.

The monthly Christian Endeavor social was held this month at the home of Mrs. C. H. Dresser, No. 15 Clark street. It was very well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

New singing books have been purchased for our Sunday-school and they are fully appreciated.

WETHERSFIELD AVE. CONGREGATIONAL.

The Christian Endeavor meeting will be held hereafter at 7 instead of 6:30, P. M. Both young and old are cordially invited.

Tuesday evening, June 6th, Miss Lucy Thatcher of Boston gave a recital in the church, assisted by Mrs. Nellie Carey Reynolds, contralto, and Mrs. Crane Pitblado, accompanist. An admission of 25 cents was charged. Cream and cake were served afterward in the parlors of the church.

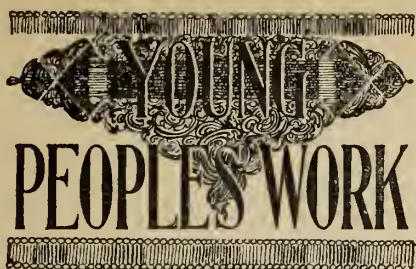
WINDSOR AVE. CONGREGATIONAL.

The Y.P.S.C.E. elected the following persons as officers of the society for the ensuing six months; President, Leonard J. Collins; vice-president, Mabel Stronach; sec'y, Ruth Palmer; treas., Charles A. Pease; chairman of look-out committee, Raymond Stronach; prayer meeting, Mary Coleman; Sunday-school, Emma Coleman; missionary, Mabel Watrous; temperance, Laura Weaver; flower, Ada Cairus; visiting, Louise Kassenbrook; music, Florence Gradisky; social, Henry Pease.

The Y. P. S. C. E. are to give a very attractive entertainment Tuesday evening, June 20th.

Our last missionary meeting was led by Mr. Smith from the seminary, a member of the Student Volunteer Band. Our pastor, Rev. H. R. Miles, left Hartford June 1st for his new field of labor at Brattleboro, Vt. It was with a deep feeling of regret that we parted with him, but his sympathy, kindness and earnest words will always remain with us and he will ever have our good wishes and prayers.

Our Y. P. S. C. E. have adopted the method of prayer for special missionary topics, as suggested by the Yale Missionary Band.



CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR PRAYER MEETING TOPICS.

(From the Presbyterian C. E. Manual.)
June 25.—Spiritual growth.—Mark 4: 26-32.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

We do not leap into perfection; we grow in spirituality year by year.

Spiritual growth is growth in favor with God.

Increase in self-esteem is not spiritual growth.

Censoriousness is not spirituality.

When we most love Jesus and his brethren we are most spiritual.

Like a flower, the soul grows best in the light. For growth we must keep close to Christ.

The spirit of fault-finding is not a fruit of growth.

Souls grow best in the soil of prayer and Scripture study.

Without the watering of the Spirit there is no growth.

July 2.—Our country for Christ.—Psa. 33: 10-22.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

Our country cannot be for Christ until we are for Christ.

The throne of Christ must be the hearts of the people.

A vote for the saloon is a vote against Christ.

We do most for Christ and for country when we lead children to him.

Christ's name in our laws would avail little without Christ's spirit in our lives.

Before Christ can reign fully we must put right men in office as his lieutenants.

It is poor patriotism that shouts for the flag and yet stays at home on election day.

We are making tomorrow's destiny as we train today's children.

Indifference to civic duty is disloyalty to Christ, who needs us in politics as well as in the Church.

July 9.—A good vacation.—Mark 6: 7, 12, 13, 30-32.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

A vacation from care and anxiety is a good vacation.

It cannot be a good vacation unless it is a vacation from work. Only toilers can enjoy rest.

A good vacation forgets yesterday and tomorrow.

A vacation, to be good, must be recreation.

There are no vacations from righteousness.

There is no vacation companion so good as Christ.

That is a good vacation which brings good to those with whom we sojourn.

We should take vacations to get an appetite for work.

No vacation can carry us away from Christ's mission field of helpfulness.

Vacations should not be vacant, but should be filled with experiences that build up and bless.

Probably the most largely attended summer religious convention is that of the Christian Endeavor Society, to be held this year in Detroit on July 5-10. The growth of this society has been remarkable. At present the total enrollment is over 55,000 societies, with a membership of 3,259,000. The programme of the convention this year has been somewhat changed. The opening session will be held in one of the great tents, and the officers and trustees will hold a large reception of the delegates. President Clark will deliver his annual address on the following day. Among the speakers will be Bishop Vincent, President John H. Barrows, of Oberlin; Rev. Dr. David J. Burrell, the Rev. Dr. Charles F. Jefferson, the Rev. Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman and the Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, of Brooklyn; Bishop Fallows, the Rev. Dr. Wayland Hoyt, the Rev. Dr. P. S. Henson, of Chicago, and Booker T. Washington.

Mr. J. H. Mansfield is manager of the Connecticut delegation.

The International Conference of the Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal Church will be held in Indianapolis on July 20-23. This will be a joint conference of all the branches of the Church in America. Several bishops and prominent statesmen of the denomination have been asked to be present. Senators Fairbanks and Beveridge are members of the local committee of arrangements. President McKinley has agreed to be present if he can so arrange. The two topics to be discussed are, first, "Unity of American Methodism," and, second, "Christian Citizenship." A whole day will be given for each topic. The closing banquet will be held on the last evening of the convention, with addresses by Bishop Fowler on "Abraham Lincoln," by General Gordon on "The Last Days of the Confederacy," and by Rev. Dr. Potts, of Toronto, and General Lew Wallace, of Indiana, on "Anglo-American Relations."

At Richmond, Va., on July 13-16, will be held the ninth international convention of the Baptist Young People's Union of America. This convention will include Baptist churches in the United States and Canada. The educational work is the distinctive feature of this convention. This is embodied in its "Christian Culture" courses, consisting of the Bible Reader's Course, Sacred Literature Course, and the Conquest Missionary Course. Each course extends through a period of four years and supplemented by an annual examination. The number of papers submitted at the last convention exceeded

13,000. Eminent clergymen of the denomination, both North and South, including the Rev. Dr. A. C. Dixon, of Brooklyn, and the Rev. Dr. H. M. Wharton, of Baltimore, will speak. Side trips will be taken to Washington and other prominent cities in the vicinity of Richmond.

PEARL ST. CONGREGATIONAL.

The regular quarterly business meeting of the Endeavor Society will be held at the church parlors, June 14th. Besides the reports and routine business, there will probably be some discussion and possibly a discussion, as to the policy of the Society in our new church, next fall. As this will be the last business meeting in the old edifice, it will be made the occasion of a social reunion of all present and past members of the Society. Refreshments will be served and Mr. J. H. Mansfield of New Haven will be present and speak on the coming National Convention at Detroit.

At the Endeavor meeting of June 11th our Pastor read a paper of more than ordinary interest on the tithing system, viewed both historically and morally. While not distinctly advocating the principle of giving a tenth, he urged a more general and generous giving to the Lord's treasury, according to the abundance wherewith He has blessed us.

Children's Sunday was observed with appropriate exercises and a story for the little ones in place of the regular sermon.

The Chinese Department of the Sunday-school will not hold its meetings in the new church on Farmington Ave., but after July 1st will meet at City Mission Hall; the City Mission Society having placed the room at their disposal. Certainly this is true City Mission work, which seeks to carry a knowledge of the gospel to these who have come from mission fields to our very doors.

TRINITY CHURCH.

The Episcopal Sunday-school Rally, announced in the last issue of The Church Review, was held June 4th, and was very largely attended by the ten schools represented, full 1000 scholars being in attendance.

An address of welcome was made by the Rector, Mr. Miel, followed by Rev. Mr. Harriman, and Rev. H. L. Duhring, who is in charge of the city missionary work in Philadelphia. Mr. Duhring also preached in the evening.

The Sunday-school picnic is announced for Saturday, June 24th, at Hanover Park, Meriden, going together with the schools of Christ Church and the Church of the Good Shepherd. Our boys are getting up a ball nine, and hope to issue a challenge for that day, to one of the other schools.

Class 2, taught by Miss Gray has won the competitive banner from class 7, having had a perfect attendance for the last six weeks' period.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH WETHERSFIELD.

At a recent prayer meeting of the church, a vote was passed requesting the Governor to veto the Sunday train bill. An urgent appeal was made for such action on his part. No acknowledgment was made of the communication, and probably no heed paid to it; but we have washed our hands of the matter, and our protest is entered in the records of heaven.

Mrs. John Burtles, daughter of Pastor Fife, has returned from her recent journey in the Middle States, having spent a couple days at Niagara Falls. She expects to sail for her home in England on July 5th.

Some thief lately broke the padlock to our box of Sunday-school supplies, and stole the box of pennies contributed by the infant department to God's work. It contained less than two dollars, all in pennies. The same week Bulkley & Hanmer's store was burglarized, and an attempt made to rob the post office. It is all believed to be the work of local offenders.

WARBURTON CHAPEL.

A Parent's Social was held in the chapel Friday evening, May 26th. This gathering was the largest and in many ways the most enjoyable one ever given. During the evening an exhibit of photographs was displayed about the room.

Boquets of pansies were given to the mothers and at the close of the evening the sweet flowers which had served as attractive decorations, were also distributed among the parents.

A program of stereoptican pictures, with songs and stories illustrated, together with the recitation by Mr. Talmage, made a pleasing hour which will be long remembered.

The young ladies of the choir gave an operetta, "The Cadet's Picnic," in the chapel on the evening of June 2nd.

The proceeds from this entertainment will be devoted to some special object in our chapel work.

The scholars in the singing school with their teacher, Miss Lizzie J. Holcomb, have been enjoying Saturday afternoons in the country.

All the sewing classes have closed for the season with the exception of the advanced class in dressmaking.

Children's Day was observed with very pleasing exercises. The platform was profusely decorated with wild flowers which were gathered on Saturday morning by the boys who "would rather pick flowers for Children's Day than to see the Buffalo Bill parade."

The annual outing and Sunday-school picnic will be held at White Oaks, Saturday, June 24 th.

THE JUNIOR PROHIBITION LEAGUE.

The League enjoyed an interesting box social Monday evening, June 5th. The gentlemen were in the majority and those who shared box luncheons had to pay for them.

Rev. Mr. Baker of Burnside will address the League on "Conventional

Lines" Monday evening, June 19th. Special music and lemonade have been arranged for.

A wheel ride and boating party will take place Wednesday evening, June 21st. The members will ride to Wethersfield and embark on the cove.



Conducted by Mr. George Whipple Steele.

Questions on musical subjects of general interest will be answered in this department.

YALE DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC CONCERT.

Friday evening, June 2, 1899, the students in the Department of Music of Yale University gave a concert in College street Hall. On this occasion they were assisted by the New Haven Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Mr. Parker, the professor of music.

This orchestra numbers about 30 men of varying technical ability. Its local reputation is good, and under favorable conditions it will win an equally good standing throughout the state.

PROGRAMME.

W. A. Mozart Overture to Don Juan
Wagner-Wilhelmj

Walter's Prize Song, From Die
Meistersinger

Miss Anna Gardiner Westcott.

F. Schubert (Op. 15) Grosse Fantasie
Arranged symphonically for Piano and
Orchestra by F. Liszt.

Miss Sadie Burton Pickett.

H. Wieniawski Legende

Mr. Porter Hodge Linthicum.

R. Schumann (Op. 45)

Piano Concerto in A minor
Mr. Maurice Porter.

Ch. De Beriot (Op. 76)

Seventh Concerto for Violin

Miss Florence May Cornwall.

Edvard Grieg (Op. 14)

Symphonic Adagio

Set for Orchestra by the Class in
Orchestration.

Conducted by Mr. Stanley Smith.

Max Bruch (Op. 42) Romanza

Miss Emma Spieske.

Edvard Grieg Huldigungs March

The programme was too long for even the most enthusiastic admirer of music, and the want of sufficient ensemble work was very evident.

The selections presented brought into prominence the work of the piano and violin departments. This was gratifying to the ambition of those in charge of these departments, but was disappointing to those most interested in the general welfare of music. This, because pupils with only slight experience in public playing, and limited

technical resources should not be called upon to do the work of artists. It is not fair to the pupil. In the case of Mr. Porter and Miss Spieske they made their numbers interesting because they possess in a high degree certain technical and artistic qualities necessary to a successful public performance. Five minutes was ample time for any other student on the programme. Professor Parker conducts well, in spite of nerves that are very near the surface. The friends of music in New Haven should secure a fund sufficient to enable the University to hold this orchestra to the number of rehearsals necessary for the best interests of the school. An orchestra is as necessary to this department as the laboratory is to physics and chemistry, or as the gymnasium is to the department of physical culture.

Here is a chance for some one to give a mighty good impulse to music in New Haven. Some one can also help this department by establishing scholarships for free instruction in music. Later, some account will be given of just what Yale is now trying to do for music.

In Hartford, there has been unusual activity in vocal music the past year.

One can find here almost every possible grade of church music. Church music is a very elastic term, convenient for the artist and as convenient for those who wish to pose as such. The elasticity of the term was very clearly demonstrated at the meetings of the Home Missionary Society held in the Center Church recently. Some one introduced a quartette having ideas of its own in regard to church music. There was a very great difference between the music of this quartette and the music of the Center Church vesper service.

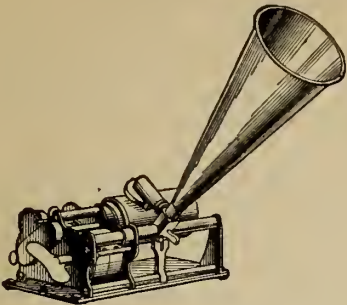
This church is fortunate in having such a man as Dr. Lamson as its pastor, and Dr. Lamson is most fortunate in having such an artist as Mr. Allen at the head of his music.

The Park Church Choir, under the leadership of Mr. John Camp is gaining in favor in this city. At different times during the year Sunday evening entertainments have been given, by this choir, of a meritorious order. The organ at this church is a great hindrance to the ambition of such a man as Mr. Camp. But this will be remedied, we hope, in the near future. The church cannot expect to retain Mr. Camp's services unless it does something about its organ.

Mr. Lord, at the Hill Church, is bravely struggling along with an organ entirely inadequate to his power. He is deserving of a much better one.

Within two or three years the cathedral, on Farmington Ave., has had a new organist and choir master. There seems to be a feeling that the musical service has been strengthened by the change. It needed it. The music of this church is so grand that nothing should be left undone for its most perfect presentation. Its power on the imagination of the great host of worshippers is a factor of great value in the economy of this organization.

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HAIR: ITS CONSTRUCTION, CARE AND TREATMENT.

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"If a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him. But if a woman have long hair it is a glory to her."—St. Paul.

Hair, though seemingly a small and unimportant subject, when but a single shaft is considered, is, nevertheless, a subject of which much can be said. A fine head of hair has in all ages of the civilized world been looked upon as an essential element of beauty. While it is not possible for every person to have an exuberant growth of head hair, or of the beard, it is possible with proper care and attention, for all to be possessed of a respectable hirsute covering. To secure this in its greatest degree, the hair should receive proper attention and care from infancy.

Campbell in one of his poems says:

*"To form a head of beauteous hair
Children claim our greatest care."*

It is astonishing to note how small is the percentage of persons acquainted with the construction and general nature of the hair, however extensive may be their knowledge of other matters of physiology. It is therefore essential, before entering into a formal discussion of the subject, to know something of the physiological formation of the hair.

Hair is an appendage of the skin, and anatomically is divided into three portions:—

The Bulb, the Shaft, (external to the follicle,) and the tip or point. It is cellular in structure being made up of an aggregation of cells, that are variously shaped and altered from their primary spherical condition.

Microscopic examination of the human hair will reveal the fact that its construction is tubular in form and that each hair has three follicles, called "univascular pericarp," which supplies the hair with the elements necessary for its growth—one the natural oil, one the coloring matter, and one the muscular force. Therefore when the follicles of the hair become weakened, either or all of the following conditions will result:—the loss of natural oil in the hair; a change of color or a loss of muscular force. In the latter state the hair appears lifeless and dry and soon drops out to a marked extent.

Each hair follicle has one or more sebaceous glands emptying into it near its outlet; these glands may be either simple or compound from which is furnished the oily material that goes to lubricate the follicle hair and scalp.

Dandruff seen upon the scalp is a production of the dried, or crystalized oil thrown off from these glands, commingled with dust and other particles

that find lodgement in the hair, together with the exfoliation of the scarf-skin of the scalp.

With the foregoing facts in mind it is a natural conclusion, that to prevent dandruff, the prime necessity is the closing of the tubes (hair), and thus prevent the escape of the vitality and essential fluid.

In the consideration of the care of the hair, we should remember that cleanliness of the scalp, is a custodian of the hair's longevity, as well as a condition favorable to its growth. Hair is not a collection of filamentous plants or weeds, depending upon dirt for its sustenance; but rather a physiological organ, whose life is kept up by the same delicate life-giving material that furnishes food to the brain-cells, for thought, and to the retina for sight.

"Cleanliness is next to Godliness," is an old maxim, but might, to suit hirsute hygiene, be made to read—Cleanliness insures a good head of hair.

While there are many preparations which may be applied for the removal of dandruff, some with more or less virtue, it is advised that the best remedy is the removal of the cause.

A proper amount of pomade (vaseline) is not only harmless, but really beneficial to most scalps; especially to those, whose scalps furnish little or no natural oil to keep the hair supple and glossy. One of the most cleansing and healthful applications for washing the head is raw egg—of which either the white (albumen) or yolk may be used. Coconut oil also possesses high qualities for use as a wash, but the use of the latter should be attended with skill in order to be productive of desired results. Singeing the hair is an old theory and as a preservative, there is no doubt of its beneficial results; the method has been in vogue for centuries, and much good is derived from the treatment. The care and treatment of the hair requires but little attention when a healthy condition is attained, and it therefore behoves those who are desirous of retaining their hirsute covering, to give the matter early attention and thereby ward off what may as well be avoided.



WOMAN'S WORK

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

The Union conducted the Sunday morning meeting at the Jail May 14th. Much interest was manifested on the part of the inmates, and the presentation of pledge cards embellished with the bright flag of our country attracted their attention, and many of them expressed a wish to sign the pledge with

a strong determination to keep it.

After the exercises a bouquet of flowers was given to each woman prisoner with words of counsel which seemed to touch many hearts and we can only hope that some seed dropped may bring forth fruit by the blessing of God.

On June 20th, at 3 p. m., the last meeting of the season will be held with Mrs. W. S. Groesbeck in West Hartford, whose ample house and grounds will furnish opportunity for a pleasant outing to close the season's work. The next regular meeting will be held the first Tuesday in September.

June 9th, the Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union was entertained at the pleasant home of Mrs. John G. Parsons.

After a short musical and literary program, the time was spent conversing upon the lines of work carried on by the National W. C. T. U. A pleasant feature of the program was a visit from Aunt Jemima Pease, who told the story of the wonderful "Aunt Jemima's Plaster."

During the evening the young people were invited to the dining room where a delightful surprise awaited them, in the form of ice-cream and cake and other goodies.

At going home time all present voted this to be one of the pleasantest evenings spent together for a long time.

THE SHELTER FOR WOMEN.

Quite a number of improvements have been made in our Home the past months. We have had some of the rooms painted and a new rug laid in the parlor.

Mr. Whiting, the flourist, has kindly filled our window boxes with beautiful plants, that we all enjoy very much.

We strive to make the Home attractive within and without and let it speak for the right and purity. Some time is spent each day in working among the flowers and in caring for our grounds.

Our family has been large of late. Many interesting cases coming to us from time to time, some needing help for only a short time, others staying for a longer period.

We feel that God is blessing our work and bringing peace and rest to many souls.

We have had two outings recently and we all enjoyed getting out into the country. Two friends have kindly offered to furnish the means for other trips.

The girls are busy sewing on aprons and children's dresses that we will dispose of in the "Bureau."

We had eighteen lodgers the past month.

YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE AT NORTHFIELD.

The Northfield Conference of the Young Women's Christian Association will be held this year from July 14th to 24th, being its seventh annual session.

Its personnel includes, beside mem-

Dentists, Druggists, Opticians, Photographer, Trucking, Clocks, Sewing Machines.

bers of the Association, in city and college, teachers and students in educational institutions, and "all women who desire that their lives may be more useful in Christ's service." Beside Bible and missionary study, and the discussion of problems and methods of college work, place will be given for consideration of conditions and needs in the life of women in crowded city centres and the adaptation of the Association to these conditions. The inspiration of numbers is felt in this, as in every conference; last year there were in attendance 430 women from 19 states representing 53 institutions of learning and 20 city associations. A new feature this year will be the "young women's camp," in a grove adjoining the Seminary grounds. Among the speakers at the platform meetings will be Dr. Charles Cuthbert Hall, Mr. Robert E. Speer, and Mr. D. L. Moody.

The dispatches say that the Baroness Suttner is the only woman admitted to the gallery as a spectator of the proceedings of the Peace Conference. This is a recognition of the writings of the Baroness which have aroused Europe more than anything else has done on the subject of peace, and is credited with having inspired the Czar to call the conference.

MORSE'S HARTFORD BUSINESS COLLEGE.

The annual catalogue of Morse's Hartford Business College for 1899-1900 has been published and it is a work of art, as well as a complete and valuable description of an up-to-date commercial institution, its methods and results. For those who contemplate a business career, a mercantile education, theoretical and practical as well, is becoming more and more an essential factor to success; and all who contemplate such a career should carefully investigate the course of study and practice followed by the Hartford Business College.

This institution is just completing its thirty-eighth year, and never in its history has it met with the popular favor and patronage that has been given it the past year. Prof. E. H. Morse and his able corps of assistants have brought the college up to its present high status and the same management will continue to maintain the high prestige already attained.

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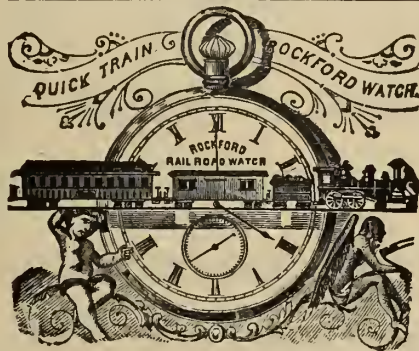
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Mr. Justice Lawrence of England is an ardent gofer. He tells how he had recently a case before him in which he felt it necessary to ask one of the witnesses, a boy, the usual question, whether he was acquainted with the nature of an oath. The ingenious youth calmly replied: "Of course I am. Ain't I your caddie?"—Evening Post, New York.

There was once an Irishman who had a face that, as one of his friends remarked, was an "offence to the landscape." Next to his homeliness his poverty was the most conspicuous thing about him. Hence the unsympathetic comment of a neighbor. "How are ye, Pat?" he said. "Moighty bad," was the reply. "Sure 'tis starvation that's starin' me in the face." "Is that so?" rejoined his friend. "Sure, it can't be very pleasant for ayther of yez."

"Oh, my dear daughter" (to a little girl of six), "you should not be frightened and run from the goat. Don't you know you are a Christian Scientist?" "But, mamma" (excitedly), "the billy goat don't know it."—Exchange.

"Dorothy, I saw a beautiful gown in a shop window today."

"What was it, Julius?"

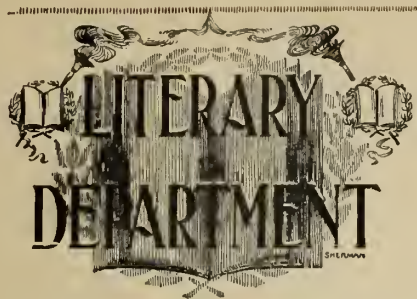
"Well—it was that zigzaggy kind of cloth—and it had those braided things across the front and down the back; and some awful stylish pointed things on the skirt—I wish you would get one just like it."—Brooklyn Life.

An Englishman and a Frenchman once undertook against their own inclinations, and for the satisfaction of more belligerent friends, to fight a duel in a dark room. The Englishman, anxious to shed no blood, fired up the chimney and brought down the Frenchman. This was a favorite story of Rogers, who used to add, in relating it: "When I tell the story in France, I put the Englishman up the chimney."

The statement that Rudyard Kipling had received a shilling a word for a story in an English magazine, induced a wag to write to him and enclose a shilling postal order.

"Hearing that wisdom was being retailed at a shilling a word," wrote the joker, "I enclose a shilling for a sample."

Kipling wept the order and sent back the word "Thanks."—New York Herald.



The June "Century" is an Out-of-Doors Number, abounding with full-page illustrations, including a frontispiece by Albert Sterner, representing Izaak Walton seated reading under a tree—and of course fishing as he reads. This is apropos of the opening article—a discursive essay on "Fisherman's Luck," by that redoubtable angler, the Rev. Henry van Dyke, printed with decorative page-borders. Dr. van Dyke's essay is followed by a descriptive study of Niagara Falls by Mrs. Schuyler van Rensselaer, based on an unusual familiarity with this great natural wonder, and showing a keen appreciation of its "little lovelinesses," as well as of its grander aspects. Mrs. van Rensselaer's text is supplemented by a number of full-page and smaller pictures by Castaigne. Other outdoor papers in this number are Capt. J. C. Ayer's "After Big Game with Packs," an illustrated account of a hunting expedition in which pack-mules played an important part; "Out of Doors in Texas," by E. S. Nadal, author of the delightful "Notes of a Professional Exile," and "Out of Doors in Colorado," by H. P. Ufford.

The June "Ladies' Home Journal" reaches the top notch of excellence in both its pictorial and literary features. It opens with a page drawing of Longfellow's "Evangeline," and gives a group of pictures showing some "Fetes of College Girls." An interesting description is given of "The Creole Girl of New Orleans," and "Housekeeping on an Ocean Steamship" is graphically portrayed. "How a Young Man Can Work His Way Through College" has a practical value for every poor boy ambitious for higher education, and "Telling the Character from Handwriting" is interesting and entertaining. Bishop, priest, rabbi and minister contribute to a symposium on "What is the Good of Going to Church?"

"Self Culture" for June appears with a varied Table of Contents that offers not only a wide range of reading, but also a class of articles of the highest literary merit, many of which are handsomely and instructively illustrated. The opening paper, on Harvard University, contains several fine portraits of members of the faculty whose names are linked with the extraordinary recent growth of that ancient institution of learning. Rear-Admiral Roe, in an article entitled "The Unrest of the Nations," reviews the Powers of the world and points out the tendencies to unrest among their peoples, together with the causes of those tendencies. A sketch of the life and

work of Honore de Balzac shows the great novelist at work and tells of his early struggles for fame and fortune as well as of the dashing of the cup of happiness from his lips when he had just attained domestic felicity.

Prisoners of Hope. By Mary Johnston. 378 pages, 12mo. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price \$1.50.

This is a story of the times of Cromwell in England. The hero is a man of good birth who was transported to the Virginia colony as a slave. There he heads a plot for an insurrection of all the slaves in the colony. The plot is discovered and the hero has a price set upon his head.

A love story runs through the book but it has a most mournful ending. For that reason the book will be disappointing to many readers. But the story as a whole is rarely skillful writing and well repays reading. Indeed, we think that few books published this season can compare with it in point of interest and actual power.

Voices of Doubt and Trust. Edited by Volney Streamer. 215 pages, 12 mo. New York: Brentano's. Price \$1.25.

Admirable judgment and a rarely sensitive taste have been used to produce this book. It is an anthology, whose nature is indicated by the title. There are about two hundred poems grouped under four headings, "Questionings," "Light on the Cloud," "Duty Here and Now," and "Trust," and the thoughts expressed range from tones of blackest despair to those of absolute faith and trustfulness.

The writers represented range from Omar Khayyam and Marcus Aurelius to contemporary poets. We have never thought opposing views of the great problems of life and death could be so harmoniously compared and arranged, but the volume is altogether pleasing. Mr. Streamer's selections appeal with force to every mind.



SHAG STRETCHING HERSELF.

From "Wild Life at Home."
Cassell & Co., Publishers.

George Muller of Bristol and His Witness to a Prayer-Hearing God. By Arthur T. Pierson. 462 pages, crown 8 vo. New York: The Baker & Taylor Co. Price \$1.50.

The man of whom this book is written was one of the most remarkable men of our time. He was a man of ability and faith, and by prayer alone he was enabled to build building after building in which to carry out his plan of work. Biographies are found dry and unattractive often but there is no one who can afford to not know something of the life and works of George Muller.

Dr. Pierson writes very sympathetically, for he knew Muller personally, and he understood the man and the man's faith. Every church and Sunday-school library should have this book for it is an inspiration, and is full of lessons.

The volume contains numerous well-executed illustrations.



SPIDER AND WEB ON A ROSE TREE

From "Wild Life at Home."
Cassell & Co., Publishers.

The Black Douglas. By S. R. Crockett. 479 pages, 8vo. New York: Doubleday & McClure Co. Price \$1.50.

The author himself considers this romance of the 15th century in Scotland his strongest work. Thus far all the critics seem to agree with his opinion. Mr. Crockett has been working on the tale for the past ten years, hence it will undoubtedly receive the attention such care deserves. Nominally the story is a historical one, but history is made subservient to interest throughout. The fall of the great House of Douglas is dealt with in a stirring manner. The intrigues and plottings of strong men against strong men make scenes which the author pictures with the thrilling power that was first revealed in "The Raiders."

The volume will be sent on approval, postpaid, to any address upon application to the publishers by postal-card. This is a unique system devised for the accommodation of out-of-town book-buyers.

Through Nature to God. By John Fiske. 194 pages, 16 mo. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price \$1.25.

The ideas and arguments presented here are intended to show the reality of religion and to correct the idea that there is an actual conflict between religion and science.

The volume is a small one. Its contents are divided into three parts, "The Mystery of Evil," "The Cosmic Roots of Love and Self-Sacrifice," and "The Everlasting Reality of Religion." "The Mystery of Evil" is a particularly enlightening part. The intrinsic value of the book and the fact that it is presented in a very lucid and untechnical style, will make it a source of strength and light to many.

The Gift of Bonaparte. By Robert Shortz. 248 pages, 12 mo. New York: The Home Publishing Co. Price \$1.00.

This is a fascinating story of the campaign of the Army of Italy in which the great "Citizen General" largely figures. George de St. Luc, better known among his comrades as Sans-Barbe, is the hero. He has a ready sword, a lively wit and an invincible determination that carries him through every difficulty.

There is not a lifeless paragraph in the book, and the interest is held from beginning to end. The author has written several other books in which Napoleon figures, and they all have the same characteristic liveliness and fascination.

Yale: Her Campus, Class-Rooms and Athletics. By Walter Camp and L. S. Welch. 628 pages, crown 8 vo. Boston: L. C. Page & Co. Price \$2.50.

To anyone who has ever been connected in any way with Yale University, this book will prove exceedingly interesting and valuable. It is compiled by two well known Yale men who should know what appeals most to college men. The scope of the book is in-

dicated by its title to an extent, but not altogether, for it is a large volume and contains much matter of intense interest to a Yalensism.

The illustrations are for the most part reproductions of photographs and are of buildings of the societies and the university, of the professors, of the crews and athletic teams, of the "mascots" and the "Characters."

This is the first issue in the "American University Series" which seems to be an indication that each of the principal universities is to have attention in volumes of similar plan and scope. The series cannot but be a success.

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Wild Life at Home: How to Study and Photograph It. By R. Kearton, F. R. S. 183 pages, 12 mo. New York: Cassel & Co. Price \$1.50.

The scope of the above book is indicated by its title. It is the result of actual experiences and most of the text was written in the fields. To the student of nature in any of its phases, the ad-



From "The Black Douglas."
Doubleday & McClure Co.

The Sword of a Gascon. By Amedee Archard. 391 pages, 12 mo. New York: Howard, Ainslee & Co. Price \$1.25.

A typical "romance of the cloak and sword" is this story of the reign of Louis XIV. The Gascon hero of it is bold and daring like all those of his race—a race whose characteristics, exploited at first by Dumas, found its next most worthy and capable champion in Archard. Archard's romances are filled with Gascons such as Hugues—Paul who is a handsome, gallant cavalier, who pays court to an innkeeper's daughter, or to the niece of

vice and suggestions given herein make the book of great practical value.

To others, not actively interested, the book will appeal, for it is written in an untechnical, popular, style and is illustrated by some remarkable photographs. These were taken by C. Kearton—the author's brother and companion on their expeditions. Through the courtesy of the publisher we are enabled to reproduce two of these photographs.

Considering the make-up of the book the price placed on it is very low.

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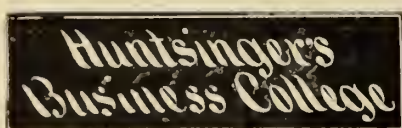
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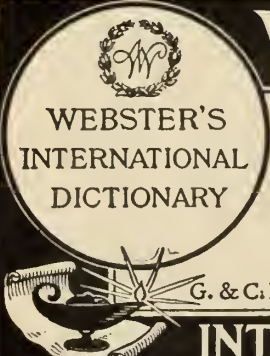
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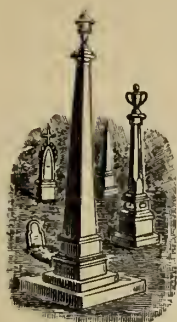
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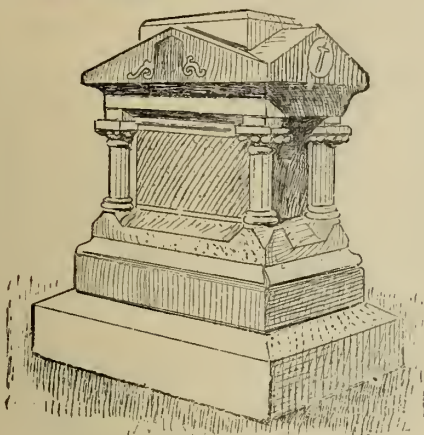
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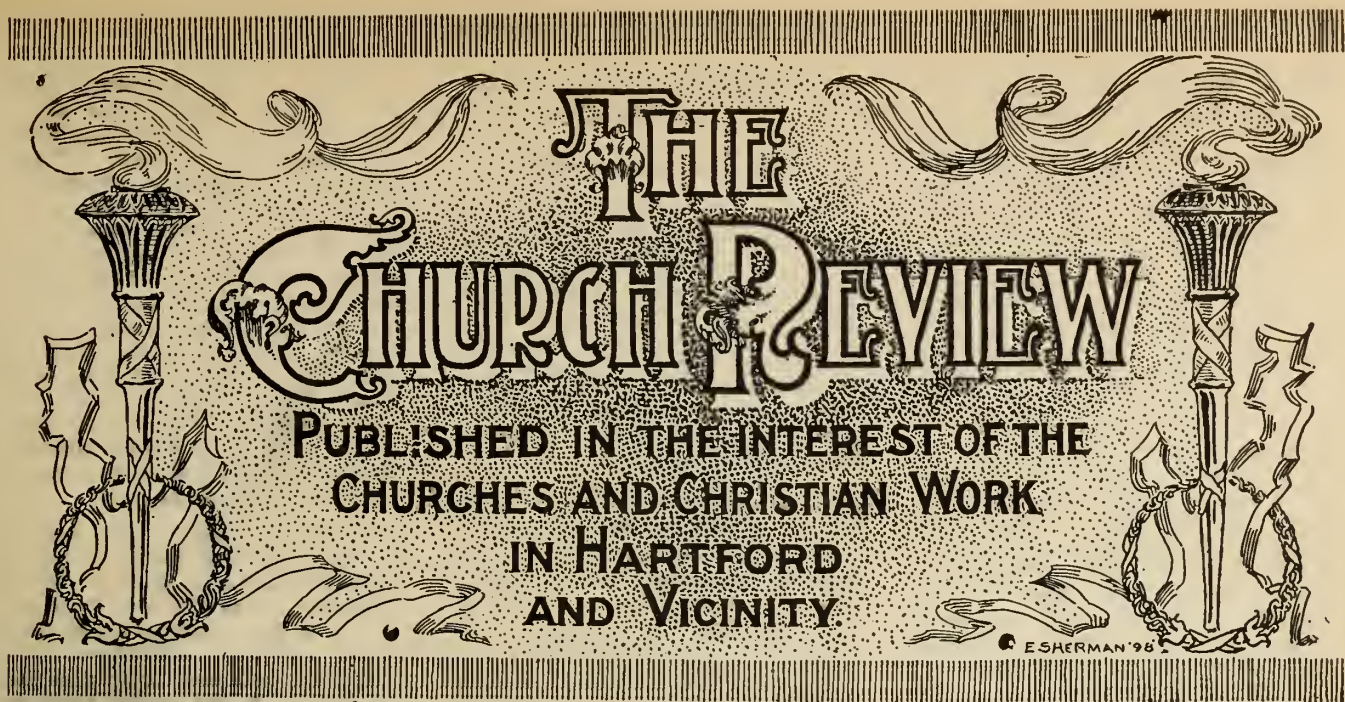
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BY ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

It is easy enough to be pleasant,
When life flows along like a song;
But the man worth while is the one who
will smile

When everything goes dead wrong;
For the test of the heart is trouble,
And it always comes with the years,
And the smile that is worth the praise
of earth
Is the smile that comes through tears.

It is easy enough to be prudent,
When nothing tempts you to stray;
When without or within no voice of sin
Is luring your soul away;
But it's only a negative virtue
Until it is tried by fire,
And the life that is worth the honor of
earth
Is the one that resists desire.

By the cynic, the sad, the fallen,
Who had no strength for the strife,
The world's highway is cumbered to-
day;
They make up the item of life.
But the virtue that conquers passion,
And the sorrow that hides a smile—
It is these that are worth the homage
of earth,
For we find them but once in a while.

SUMMER READING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

BY REV. WM. W. RANNEY, OF PARK CHURCH.

What shall I read during the vacation is a question thousands will ask themselves in this year 1899. How many will answer the question wisely, and of that number, how many will adhere to the course which commends itself to them as best?

It is not the purpose of the present article to offer book lists for summer reading, but only to make some suggestions as to the principles governing the choice of the books to be read.

And, first, be sure you have earned the right to a vacation. If you are a loungeur through the year, then the sooner you reform the better; if vacation has only meant to you in the past a change of form of idleness, then let the work-time begin with you now; if the winter has had no serious business in it to make you need the summer rest, then repent today of that sinful, lazy past, and atone for it as far as you are able by filling the hot weather with the hardest kind of labor, physical, intellectual and moral. No one has a right to a period of recreation, but he who has earned it by spending himself in honest, earnest endeavor. "The man who is not day by day doing work which will earn his dinner, must be stealing his dinner, and the actual fact is that the great mass of men calling themselves Christians do actually live by robbing the poor of their bread and by no other trade whatever," says John Ruskin. The words sound harsh and are too harsh if "earn" is taken in its ordinary mercantile sense, but the saying is not strong enough to bring home to the conscience of the shirks among us that laziness is robbery. He who is not a burden bearer is an addition to some one else's burden. Now the summer vacation is for burden bearers, not for shirks. If anyone who reads these words has been wasting his time in school, let him not plan for rest in the summer, but for work. To keep on in neglect of his opportunities two months longer will be to sink still deeper into the muddy defilement from which you should have pulled yourself long ago. If you do not yet know what it is to study, and to study hard, now is the time to begin. Two months will

be all too short for acquiring the habit of application without which your next term will be wasted like those which have gone before.

And if any out of school have been idlers, let them look for work this summer, not for more play. If light reading, cards and parties have filled the winter, leave them out of the summer. You need a change. Go out on a farm and offer to work for your board in the hayfield or the kitchen, and count yourself favored if you can be allowed to associate with the men and women who have been idlers, and even now have no time for a holiday.

It will be doubtful if you can earn your board, you will know so little of what it means to do anything useful and do it well, but it is time you found that out and set yourself to reform. Remember every able bodied person who is not earning his dinner is stealing it. The dinner has to be earned by somebody, and it will be the best summer of your life if you can bring home to yourself how much labor is necessary before a dinner can be put upon the table. Shame on us when we eat other people's strength without desiring to help them!

But, we will suppose that most of the readers of this article are workers, that they do not deserve Ruskin's scorn, but are entitled to a vacation. We have worked hard, some of us altogether too hard, at our books in school, or in our homes, the office or the factory. We ask for rest, not because we lazily desire to have a change of idleness, but because we need recuperation, because for our best endeavor in the fall and winter to come we must make this a true vacation.

But now, second, rest does not mean waste. Summer reading does not mean reading which is worthless. Every one of us ought to have too vivid a sense of the value of our opportunities to allow ourselves ever to read "to pass away the

time." There is truer recreation to be found in good books than in trash. And trash is a name to cover more of the current writing of the day than we are apt to think. Of course one is to beware of books which are of bad moral tone, however thrilling they may be. If they will not bear reading aloud to clean minded men and women, we had best avoid them as we would a dirty puddle. But dull books, books with no meaning in them, are also to be eschewed, even if they happen to be the best selling volumes for the month in the stores. Someone's rule, "Never read a book until it is two years old" may be too stringent but it contains a warning we should heed. Ask your friend who wants you to read one of the latest novels whether he would care to read it again. The best books will bear re-reading,—have you had the pleasure of reading all of them for the first time? Why waste this summer on inferior literature when the good old books are yet strangers to you?

And, third, and last, read widely, but not too much.

It is the summer for which we are planning, a rest time, a period in which to let one's self recover from the tension of work, to assert again the natural, spontaneous instincts which become suppressed in the routine of work. Take the book which interests you, and read as much of it as keeps your interest without overcare for thoroughness. Browse around lazily in the papers and magazines until a healthier appetite has a chance to grow and you really long for something more substantial. But be sure and do not feed too long on magazines, they give men intellectual dyspepsia. Have a volume of good poetry within reach, and a volume of essays. Do not disdain a thing because it is not plain at first reading. If there seems to be something there, read it over and over till you find the meaning. Many of the noblest passages on literature can only be acquired in this painstaking fashion. But, after all, most of us will turn to fiction as the staple of our summer reading, and we need not be ashamed of it. Get the little booklet by Professor Hitchcock of the Hartford High School, "Journeys in Fiction," and with the motto from Stevenson on the title page, "The most influential books and the truest in their influence, are works of fiction," let Mr. Hitchcock guide you into the land of delight, the summer land for all whose hearts are young.

The victims of intemperance will trample over everything to reach strong drink. Put wife and children in the path before them, and they cast them aside. Put respectability and honor and manhood there; they gaze at them a moment and fling them away. Bring heaven and Christ and salvation to withstand their downward way, and they trample them under their feet. Lay remorse, with all its coiling serpent tongues and scorpion stings, in the path, yet they walk on. Pile up miseries, sorrows, pains, diseases, before them, but they still seek the mixed wine.—Peloubet,

THE "HOUSE-IN-THE-WOOD" AT THE HAGUE.

BY THE REV. DANIEL VAN PELT, D. D.

The eyes of all Christendom have lately turned with profound interest to the place of meeting of the Peace Conference called together by the Czar of Russia. By invitation of the Queen of the Netherlands, this notable convention met at The Hague, the capital of the country. And the building assigned for its use is the Queen's Palace, familiarly known as "the House-in-the-Wood" (*'t Huis-ten-Bosch*).

As long ago as the middle of the thirteenth century William II., Count of Holland and King of the Romans (*i. e.*, presumptive successor to the title of Emperor of the Holy Roman Empire) built a hunting lodge here, whence came the name *'s gravenhage*, (the Count's Hedge,) abbreviated into *Den Haag*, (the Hedge,) and so furnishing the English tongue with the designation, The Hague. It was not long before he supplemented the mere lodge with a more substantial building, meant to be a royal place, and which still stands, known to all tourists as the "Hall of the Knights," none the worse for the wear of more than six centuries of existence. The Court of the Courts of Holland had in the meantime been transferred to this their new and splendid home, and by 1291 a village had gathered about the palace. For many a year did The Hague remain a village in law although attaining the proportions of a city in fact, so that it was often referred to as "the largest village in Europe." The jealousy of the other cities kept it in this humble rank of municipalities until 1559. In that year The Hague received its first Burgomasters, and in celebration of the event began to build its handsome City Hall in 1560, which, by the aid of subsequent additions and more recent "restorations," is seen to-day to be one of the finest among the innumerable fine and picturesque town-halls of the Netherlands.

The primeval forest that was thus invaded first by the single hunting lodge, and later by a whole "city-full," has nevertheless preserved abundant witness of its pristine glory. For it has been solicitously and sacredly kept from destruction by the appreciative inhabitants of The Hague through all these centuries. Time and again when the rulers of the nation eagerly turned towards this precious and valuable piece of woods as a source of permanent revenue or for the momentary replenishing of exhausted treasures, the people and magistrates of The Hague rose up as one man, begging for the preservation of the forest. The acts thus secured from princes or legislatures protecting the forest date all the way from 1460.

The most pressing danger came to it in 1576. But then, on the payment of a handsome sum, the forest passed out of the possession of the province, and became forever after the property of the city,—the pride and delectation of

its inhabitants, and the admiration and delight of all tourists from abroad. The illustration shows the long lane at the entrance of the wood. Beyond this nature's disposition of the trees has been left undisturbed, although the hand of man has taken care to clear away the underbrush, has constructed winding paths, beset with benches, and has formed artificial lakes and ponds here and there; the trees are almost exclusively oaks and beeches. It is said that there are found here some of the largest beeches in the world. The writer himself has more than once encircled some of them with measuring strings and has found them to reach a circumference of fifteen feet.

In the very heart of this primeval forest stands the palace where the Peace Conference is to meet. The illustration shows the avenue of trees that leads to the gate of the enclosure which surrounds the building, leaving it standing in a space quite clear from the trees. It was erected about two hundred and fifty years ago by Amelia von Solms, Princess of Orange, the widow of Prince Frederick Henry, the Stadholder of the Dutch Republic, as a memorial of her deceased husband. He died in 1647, just a year before the close of the Eighty Years' War for Independence, and it was not long after that the House-in-the-Wood (*'t Huis-ten-Bosch*) arose amid the glories of the much cherished forest preserve of The Hague. The palace is open to tourists, and is well worth a visit. Some of the rooms deserve special mention. In one we find all the chandeliers provided with holders for candles in the shape of little tea cups of Dresden ware. This peculiar ornamentation was a present from Frederick the Great of Prussia, whose niece married Prince William V. There are also the Indian room and the Chinese room, hung with silks or fabrics from India and China, embroidered after the fashion of these countries by the hands of native artists.

But by far the most noteworthy room is the Orange Saloon, in which the Peace Conference is to hold its sessions. The shape is octagonal, and walls and ceiling are covered with paintings by several celebrated men of the school of Rubens. These paintings represent various scenes in the life of Prince Frederiek. He is here seen in the tender moments of early infancy on the day of his birth. His education in letters is represented, his military education, his training as admiral, abundantly set forth with figures of classical gods and goddesses. The battle of Nieuwpoort, July 1, 1600, is depicted as constituting Frederick's "baptism of fire." His marriage to Amelia von Solms, his introduction into the Stadholderate, the several cities he took from the Spaniards during his successive campaigns, are all pictured by the hands of masters. In the ceiling are found allegorical paintings having reference to the scenes depicted below.

To Americans there is one room of particular interest. It is that where may be seen a fine portrait, painted in oil, of the historian, John Lothrop

Motley. This is a memorial of the beautiful friendship subsisting between Queen Sophia, the first wife of the late king, and the brilliant American whose pen made the story of Dutch heroism the possession of a wider circle of readers than the language of the country could command. On one or two occasions Mr. Motley was the Queen's guest at this palace. He dates a letter to Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, "House-in-the-Wood, 'Huis ten Bosch,' The Hague, August 18, 1876," and he writes:

"The Huis ten Bosch, where we are staying, is the summer palace or villa of the Queen of this country. You have often heard me speak of her in terms of deepest admiration, respect and affection. She is very accomplished. Half a dozen languages are to her like her mother tongue.... Full of charity, constantly occupied with thoughts of others, forgetful of self, and deeply interested in all great subjects which occupy the attention of the more elevated intellects.... More than all and most of all I am attached to her because of her undying and unabated affection for my beloved Mary [Mrs. Motley]. No one on this side of the water more truly loved her and more finely, accurately and warmly appreciated that great and noble nature, than she does."

And thus we have a pleasant picture of two American citizens treated on terms of equality and intimate family friendship by a crowned head of Europe, whose greatness was not her crown, but those very qualities which exalted the American man and woman to her own level of intellect and character, whose lines of social distinction ceased to separate.

In this "House," then, "swallowed up, literally embowered in the beechen forest," as Motley expresses it, made interesting by its location, by its remarkable interior, and to us by its association with of the best and brightest of American literary men,—here is now assembled the Peace Conference summoned by the most absolute military autocrat. The excellent and intelligent young lady who is now the ruling Queen of Holland was wise in offering a meeting place for this unique historic gathering within the borders of her kingdom. It will make the Hague and its palace historic beyond anything that has happened here before. It would be entirely characteristic of her if she was led to make the offer and desire the gathering here, because it would harmonize so beautifully with Dutch traditions in their connection with European history. Other lands may boast of their great battlefields. Neighboring Belgium has its Malplaquet, its Oudenarde, and above all, its Waterloo. But Holland's soil has often been that where met the representatives of contending nations in order to achieve their triumphs of peace. It was the Peace of Breda (1667) that ended the war between England and Holland, confirming New York in the possession of the former, and giving Surinam in exchange to Holland. It was the Peace

of Nymegen (1678) that emphasized the final deliverance of Holland from the cruel purpose of Louis XIV. to crush and ruin the Republic, dissolving the combination of powers against the weaker country, all coming to terms with each other and with France. A still more famous Peace was that of Ryswyck, (1697), when Ambassadors from England, France, Germany, Sweden and other powers assembled at this little village, about as far from the Hague in one direction as the House-in-the-Wood is in another. But most famous of all was the Peace of Utrecht, (1713), which gave Spain the Bourbon dynasty, severed the Belgian provinces from Spain, gave Gibraltar and Newfoundland to England, and in general was the date of almost a new era in European history. It is to be hoped (though many fears prevail) that the present Peace Conference at the Hague will outstrip in importance all these previous achievements, and make an era in the history of civilization for the Christianization of the world.—The Christian Intelligencer.

It is an old saying, that we forget nothing, as people in fever begin suddenly to talk the language of their infancy; we are stricken by memory, sometimes, and old affections rush back on us as vivid as in the time when they were our daily talk, when their presence gladdened our ears,—when, with passionate tears and grief, we flung ourselves upon their hopeless corpses. Parting is death,—at least, as far as life is concerned. A passion comes to an end; it is carried off in a coffin, or, weeping in a post-chaise, it drops out of life one way or the other, and the earth-cloids close over it, and we see it no more. But it has been part of our souls, and it is eternal.—Thackeray.

Every emotion tends to sculpture the body into beauty or into ugliness. Worrying, fretting, unbridled passions, petulance, discontent, every dishonest act, every falsehood, every feeling of envy, jealousy, fear,—each has its effect on the system, acts deleteriously like a poison or a deformer of the body. Professor James of Harvard, an expert in the mental sciences, says, "Every small stroke of virtue or vice leaves its ever so little scar. Nothing we ever do is, in strict literalness, wiped out." We look with pity and distrust upon the man who vitiates his vitality, pollutes and ruins his body by alcohol, while we ourselves may be changing our own bodies into hideous forms by what seem to be "innocent sins." A fit of anger may work a greater damage to the body and character than a drunken bout. Hatred may leave worse scars upon a clean life than the bottle. Jealousy, envy, anger, uncontrolled grief may do more to wreck the physical life than years of smoking. Anxiety, fretting, and scolding, may instill a more subtle poison into the system than the cigarette.—Success.

MISSIONARY NOTES.

The Church Missionary Society of England has been celebrating its centenary. This society dominates missionary thought and action in England, and has the largest income of any missionary society in the world. It has sent out over 2,000 missionaries, the first going in 1803. A large number of its missionaries have been men of university distinction, of high scholarships, and strong influence.

It is an occasion for gratitude that the new bishop of Calcutta and metropolitan of the Anglican church in India, Dr. Welldon, at his inauguration declared so emphatically his sympathy with all bodies of Christians at work within the empire. Nothing could be finer than his declaration of respect and love for members and ministers or other religious bodies than his own, and of his hope to be able to do something to soften asperities and to unite with all Christians in common efforts to set forth the religion of Christ in its theory and practice, so that men may be drawn nearer and nearer to the cross.—Missionary Herald.

Calcutta is known as "the greatest student center in Asia." Its university examines over 10,000 students annually. There are 24 colleges and 74 high schools in the city. To the number of actual students there must be added at least 30,000 other men who have been students. Many of them are now employed in business and government offices. In this great field of 40,000 men, who can be reached through the English language, the Students' Young Men's Christian Association, through its resident foreign secretaries and native assistants, is endeavoring to work. Its plan of work includes: Weekly evangelistic meetings, with an attendance varying from 50 to 200, some of the addresses being made in English and some in Bengali; Bible classes for Christians and non-Christians; Personal influence; Visitation of homes, boarding-houses and schools; Reading Rooms; Distribution of literature; Lectures; The maintenance of a students' boarding-house.—St. Andrew's Cross.

According to the latest estimate 44 Protestant societies are represented in China by 683 male and 560 female missionaries occupying 152 stations. One thousand and fifty-four out stations are occupied by 1,400 native helpers and 326 Bible women. Of the 706 congregations 137 are self-supporting. 490 are contributing \$20,000 towards the outlay on the part of the missions. Fourteen thousand five hundred boys and 21,300 girls are instructed in the mission schools. There are 71 mission hospitals with 96 male and 47 female physicians. Nine Bible and six Tract societies sell books and papers worth \$400,000. The sum total of Protestant Christians in China is estimated at 150,000; 30,000 were added during the last five years.



PEARL ST. CONGREGATIONAL.

This is the last item that will appear in these columns under the above caption. Since July 3rd, the Pearl St. Congregational Church has been no more, the name being formally changed to Farmington Ave. Congregational Church. June 25th Mr. Love preached a historical sermon, giving a most interesting sketch of the life and activities of the church from its organization to the present. The Sunday-school had a final rally on the same date, the principal address being by Prof. C. S. Beardslee on the Gospel of John.

The closing communion service was held July 2nd, and the last consecration meeting of the Endeavor Society the same day. Both were solemn and impressive, and marked by the presence of a number of former members of the church.

The Chinese school continues its sessions as usual through the summer. As the distance to the new church was too great, the City Missionary Society has very kindly given the use of their hall, and the school met there for the first time July 9th. It is thought that the move will be a beneficial one.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH, WETHERSFIELD.

Mrs. John Burtles, daughter of Pastor Pile, sailed for her home in England on July 5th, having expressed much delight with her few weeks' sojourn here.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Paglau, the parents of Mrs. Giebelhausen and Miss Bertha Paglau, have gone on a visit to their native land, Germany, having sailed July 4th on the "Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse," which made her record trip, reaching Cherebourg, France, in less than six days. They will remain in Germany a couple months.

Bro. Ellsworth Bowe, who evidently believes that a prayer-meeting in which sin is not attacked is a dead meeting, recently condemned the soda water habit, which costs the nation millions of dollars, wastes God's money, helps to destroy the love for pure water, and helps to lay the foundation for the use of intoxicants. One soda fountain alone, in Hartford, has an average sale of 500 glasses per day in winter, and 1,000 per day in summer. The "Fruit Trade Journal," of New York, in a recent editorial regarding fruit juices remarked: "Fruit juices have deteriorated into nothing but a mixture of acids and essences; and a very large percentage of them used at the soda fountains of this city would need an introduction to the fruit after which they are named"

EAST HARTFORD CONGREGATIONAL.

The Endeavor Society held a social in the chapel, July 5th. An interesting musical program was arranged and an ice cream and cake sale netted a small profit. The Society has purchased a supply of glasses for the church dining room.

Prof. C. S. Beardslee is supplying the pulpit for the month of July, except the second Sunday, when Rev. F. E. Snow preached.

Mr. A. W. Driggs who has filled the position of organist and choir director in a very satisfying manner for the past five months has accepted a much better position in Manchester.

At the June Sunday-school conference the Rev. Mr. Simms of Manchester gave an interesting address.

GRACE CHAPEL, PARKVILLE.

The services at the Chapel during the absence on his vacation from July 1st, of the clergyman in charge, have been conducted by Sup't Miller, whose services have been highly appreciated. Mr. Miller preached on July 2d on "Reasonable Service" and on the succeeding Sunday, July 9th on "The love of David and Jonathan," and the interest manifested gave hope of good results in the awakening of many to a higher appreciation of their duties and responsibilities as Christians, to render themselves to our Lord as a reasonable service and to give him their undivided love.

WINDSOR AVE. CONGREGATIONAL.

The Rev. H. E. Peabody of New Haven has accepted the call to become the pastor of our church, and will take up his work September 17th.

Mr. Clement H. Brigham was the delegate from the church, who attended the Installation services of the Rev. H. R. Miles at Brattleboro, Vermont.

The Sunday evening services at our Church are to be dispensed with for a while during the summer.

The Christian Endeavor Society have just printed the new topic cards for the ensuing six months.

Mr. Raymond Stronach ex-president of the C. E. Society is attending the convention at Detroit as a delegate. Miss Etta Smith is also attending the convention.

GLENWOOD CONGREGATIONAL.

The last Sunday in June we held our last Christian Endeavor meeting until the first of September.

Mr. Williams our Pastor, has just returned from a two weeks' vacation.

The Sunday-school is talking of holding its annual picnic soon, now that our superintendent has returned.

Minnie Porter and Irvin Phiffs were recently presented with Bibles by the church. This is done when the children who have been baptized in the church become seven years old.

SECOND ADVENT.

Sunday, July 9th, was observed by us as Children's day. The church being nicely decorated with flowers and ferns, and the pastor's sermon to the children was enjoyed by young and old.

The annual campmeeting at Springfield will open Friday evening, Aug. 4th, and our numbers will be thinned in consequence from the present time till the close of that meeting.

WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

A new choir has been recently formed very successfully, with Miss Isadore Elsdon, organist.

A lawn festival has been held by the young people.

We are able also to report an increase in the primary department of the Sabbath-school. Last Sabbath morning Rev. Mr. Elsdon preached a grand patriotic sermon.

WETHERSFIELD AVE. CONGREGATIONAL.

The Sunday-school have just celebrated the thirty-third anniversary of its organization. The day was given up to the children. The evening service was a concert, carried on largely by the children. There were addresses by our Pastor, Mr. Forbes, the superintendent, Mr. A. H. Brock and also by the first superintendent of the school, Mr. Charles K. Burt.

Three children were baptized and one the following Sunday.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL.

Our Sunday-school and Young Peoples' Society have closed their meetings for the summer months.

The annual picnic of the Sunday-school will come off next fall.

Our Pastor will spend his vacation in St. Johnsbury, where he used to preach.

The congregation of the Pearl Street Church will attend the services of the First Church during the summer.

WETHERSFIELD METHODIST.

The ladies of the church gave a very successful ice-cream festival in the church parlors Friday evening, June 30.

The Epworth League business meeting was held Wednesday evening July 5th, at the home of Miss Willard.

The children are now anticipating the annual picnic, which will probably take place the last of the month.

OLIVET BAPTIST.

During the pastor's absence the pulpit has been supplied by Mr. Dillingham, Rev. Frank Dixon, Rev. Mr. Hammond, Rev. Harold Patterson, Rev. Mr. Wright and Rev. Dr. Stone.

Most of these sermons have been helpful and much enjoyed by all those who heard them. We hope and trust that during the remainder of our pastor's absence, the members of the church and congregation will support the work in every way that lies in their power.

WEST HARTFORD CONGREGATIONAL.

The sixtieth meeting of the Hartford C. E. Union was held with our society Wednesday evening, June 28. The principle address of the evening was given by the Rev. Walter F. Prince of New Haven on the work of the Law and Order League. On account of the storm the attendance was small but all who heard Mr. Prince were enthusiastic in praising his address, and the work of the League will be better appreciated by at least forty people because of his words.

At the Communion service July 3rd, three young people were admitted to membership on confession of Faith. Rev. E. G. Porter of Boston preached. He is a member of the official board, having charge of the hospital at Aintab, Turkey, in which Dr. Caroline F. Hamilton, one of our number, labors. The ladies have just packed two substantial boxes valued at over \$100 for this hospital.

During July and August but one service is held Sunday evening, that of the Y. P. S. C. E., at half past seven. The young people are glad to welcome all members of the congregation to this meeting.

Our Pastor's family leave for their summer home at Prince's Point on July 14th. Mr. Hodgdon will spend his vacation during August with them.

PARKVILLE METHODIST.

Many of our people are spending their vacation at Morris Cove, New Haven.

Miss F. E. Potter, principal of the Parkville schools is spending a few weeks on the coast of Maine. She is greatly missed by her young Misses' Bible Class.

Plans for the new church are nearly completed.

The Junior League will enjoy an outing at Burnside on Thursday, July 13th.

The Union Vesper service with the Epworth League is a success on Sunday evenings.

The picnic by the Sunday-school at White Oak, on July 3d, was a decided success. The day was perfect and every one came home tired, but happy.

NEW BRITAIN AVE. MISSION.

The Sunday-school attendance continues good notwithstanding the heat.

The 6 o'clock Sunday evening service is discontinued for the months of July and August.

The Ladies' Aid Society has presented the Mission with ten dollars to help in the purchase of new singing books.

A very pleasant time is reported by those who attended the picnic at Laurel Park on the 6th.

Mr. and Mrs. Little have returned from their wedding trip to New Brunswick.

It is a real pleasure to see them in our midst again.

FIRST METHODIST.

During the month of August there will be no preaching service on Sunday evenings, but there will be a union of the two services and the meeting will begin at seven o'clock.

The annual Methodist picnic will be held at White Oak Grove, Friday, July 14.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

The Sunday-school meets for its last session for the Summer, Sunday, July 9th.

The Sunday-school room and vestry are in need of new carpets and subscriptions for that purpose are asked from the members. They can be given to Mr. Powell, treasurer, or the Rector.

The Daughters of the King will have a Basket Picnic at Rainbow Park, Saturday, July 15th.

The Vested Choir will sing at the services during August.

SOUTH PARK METHODIST.

The annual picnic of our church and Sunday-school will be held Friday, July 14, at White Oak Grove; the First and North M. E. Churches uniting with us.

During July and August, the church and Christian Endeavor Society hold a combined service Sunday evenings at 6.30 o'clock, called a Twilight Vesper Service. Thus far they have been well attended.

On July 17th, our Pastor, Rev. E. S. Ferry, and family, leave for Twin Lakes, where they intend to spend their vacation.

Mr. Ferry, although granted a month's vacation, will be in the city each Sunday and occupy his pulpit.

The following officers were elected at our last business meeting, for the ensuing six months: Prest., Robt. S. McGee; vice prest., Mrs. I. Cross; recording secy., Miss Edith Miles; corr. secy., H. E. Parkhurst; treas., R. E. McCausland.

About fifty of our young people enjoyed a moonlight ride down the river on the steam launch "Lucy F," Monday, June 26th.

UNITY CHURCH.

The annual Sunday-school picnic was held at White Oak Grove, June 17th. The special car was well filled going out, and crowded coming back, many of the friends of the Sunday-school going out on a later car. The time passed pleasantly in rowing, swinging, riding on the merry-go-round and in enjoying the many other attractions of this admirable little park.

June 25th being the last Sunday before vacation, Mr. Waite preached an appropriate sermon on "Rest."

The church will be closed until the second Sunday in September. The Sunday-school will open at the same time.

On June 28th, Mr. Waite started for a six week's trip to California. He will visit first the Grand Canon of the Col-

orado in Arizona, from there he will visit southern California, stopping at various places on the coast until San Francisco is reached.

WETHERSFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

June 11th. Children's Day was observed as usual in the church, the service being held at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Three children were baptized, and Rev. Isaac Jordan of Maine addressed the children.

Mr. Jordan supplied our pulpit on June 4th and the 11th.

June 14th, "The Peak Sisters" gave a very enjoyable entertainment in the Grange Hall under the auspices of the Endeavor Society.

The Society netted about \$50.00, which will go toward the new piano.

June 18th, Rev. Roscoe Nelson of Windsor occupied the pulpit, addressing the Sunday-school at noon.

Rev. Chas. H. Williams of Hartford preached for us on June 25th to July 2nd.

On Sunday evening, June 25th, Mr. Joshua Belden of Newington, delegate to the International Sunday-school Convention, recently held at Atlanta, gave a very interesting report of his trip and the meeting.

June 28th, the regular meeting of the Southern Section of the Hartford Endeavor Union was held in our chapel. "Temperance" was the general theme. As our local W. C. T. U. had arranged a meeting for the same time and place, the two were combined.

We regret very much, the night was so dark and stormy, that so few were out to hear the address of Mrs. Margaret Dye Ellis, national representative of the W. C. T. U. at Washington, D. C. She is a very bright woman and an interesting speaker. An effort will be made to have her address us again.

Mr. Arthur C. Willard went to Detroit as a delegate from our Society, and Miss Emma White of the Griswoldville Society.

The Sunday evening preaching service will be abandoned for the present. The Endeavor meeting will be held at 7 o'clock, to which the members of the church and congregation are invited. The China Mission Study class will continue to hold its semi-monthly meetings through the summer, beginning with the second series on Friday evening, July 14th, meeting with Miss Georgiana Willis.

FIRST BAPTIST.

Our pastor leaves for his vacation about the 20th of this month. He will return to occupy the pulpit again on September 3rd.

A system of cards has been introduced by which requests for calls, addresses of strangers who may be interested in our church if looked up, and changed addresses, are brought to the attention of our Pastor. These are used as an adjunct to our monthly Communion service.

Our annual picnic occurred on Tuesday, the 11th. The place selected was White Oak Grove in Plainville. The cars left the church at about nine o'clock and a profitable and enjoyable day was passed. A large number took advantage of this opportunity for an outing.

A number of young people attended the opening of the Northfield Student's Conference Friday, June 30th.

The committee appointed to revise the church list are doing the task very thoroughly. Letters are being written and calls made. No injustice must be done, but those who are not attending the services of the church, or subscribing towards its support when able to do so, or walking "circumspectly and watchfully in the world," should not remain members. Their example is bad, and their influence cannot but be felt,—“a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.” The work of removing dead wood is absolutely necessary for the good of the tree. There should be not less but more discipline in all our churches.

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL.

The Sunday-school held a very enjoyable picnic at White Oak Grove on Saturday, June 24th. On Sunday, June 25th, it voted to adjourn for the summer. It was also voted to send twenty-five dollars to the Fresh Air Fund.

The young people's meeting of the same date decided to discontinue their services until September. The missionary Library suggested by the Yale Band has been purchased and their books are being read by members of the society.

All evening services are now suspended.

Dr. and Mrs. Parker sailed for Europe June 29th. Since then the Sunday morning services have been conducted by Professors Merriam and Perry of the Theological Seminary.

FOURTH CONGREGATIONAL.

The Quartette of Redfield College, South Dakota, gave a very enjoyable concert Wednesday evening, June 14th. Although the night was oppressively warm, the chapel was well filled.

The following Friday, Mr. Benedict, assisted by Mrs. Kelley, gave a free recital before a large audience.

The Intermediate Society of Christian Endeavor spent the evening of June 21st most pleasantly in attending a lawn party. Over 40 young folks participated in the games and helped one another to become better acquainted.

Tuesday, June 27th, the teachers of the Sunday-school were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kelsey.

Mr. Gault was formally appointed superintendent of the Sunday-school, and Miss Eddy was appointed for the Primary Department.

Friday, July 7th, the annual Sunday-school picnic was held at White Oak Grove, New Britain. Owing to generous contributions we were enabled to take the children without charge. The

day was all that could have been desired and many a one will remember it as a most delightful outing.

WINDSOR CONGREGATIONAL.

The Y. P. S. C. E. have elected the following officers for the next six months:

Pres., Wm. H. Dopp; vice pres., Herbert Strickland; corr. secy., Miss Clara Bedortha; recording secy., Miss Addie Barnes; treas., Herbert Strickland.

The meeting of the Northern section of the Hartford Endeavor Union at our church, June 21st, was made an interesting one by the addresses of Rev. Mr. Griffin, Pastor of the North Methodist church, and Prof. Beardslee of the Theological Seminary. The subject was “Temperance,” and their treatment of it was fresh, vigorous and inspiring. But where was the large number of Hartford Endeavorers who usually attend the meetings outside of the city.

About 175 attended the excursion of the Sunday-school to Forest Park, Springfield, June 28th, and had an enjoyable time.

NORTH METHODIST.

The evening preaching service has been omitted for the Sundays in July and August. The meeting at 6.30 is held by the Endeavor Society, to which all are invited to be present and take part. The attendance has been very large.

Many of the people are preparing for their vacations.

The Sunday-school picnic occurred Friday, and was largely attended at White Oak.

The last teachers' meeting for the season was held the last Friday in June, and was a success in every way. Mr. Hall of West Hartford made the address of the evening, which was full of good points. Other addresses were made by the superintendent and teachers, Mr. Camp acting as toastmaster.

The class meetings are well attended, Mr. Parker being present each Friday evening.

Mr. Harold Clearby, a member of the church and choir, also teacher in the Sunday-school, won high honors at Trinity.

ST. THOMAS CHURCH.

The Rector, Rev. Geo. R. Warner, left Hartford June 27th, for a two months' trip in the West—and to officiate at the marriage of his son Dr. Geo. R. Warner, Jr., of Grand Junction, Col., the wedding taking place at the home of the bride in Greeley, Col., July 6th. Dr. Warner is a dentist, and has also taken the degree of M. D., but does not practice medicine. During Mr. Warner's absence the services will be taken by several different clergymen. Rev. Jerre Cooke of Baltimore, Md., preaching the first three Sundays in July. During August the Sunday evening service will be omitted.

The Sunday-school is having a vacation during July and August.

The lawn party held at Mr. Thomas

Moore's, on Blue Hills Ave., June 21st was well attended, and the evening was much enjoyed by all.

BLOOMFIELD METHODIST.

An interesting and helpful work taken up by this society during the summer months, is the holding of meetings and the organization of a Sunday-school in what is known as the West Street District. A school of some thirty members shows a good attendance each Sunday afternoon, and gospel services are held on some evening of the week each fortnight. Our Pastor holds a short preaching service previous to the meeting and we are hoping for good results “For Christ and the Church.”

An interdenominational step of some importance has been taken in town in the forming of a union class for Bible study. The first meeting was held July 5th with quite a number present and interest in the class is growing. It is proposed to spend a part of the time at each meeting in the study of a special line of work and the remainder on the lesson for the succeeding Sunday.

Sunday evening, July 9th, the Y. P. S. C. E. of the Congregational Church met with us, and a very interesting and helpful meeting was held. Leaders were Mr. F. C. Bidwell from the visiting society and E. C. Fowler of this society.

Our hearts have been saddened during the past month in the loss of our oldest member, Mr. S. E. Hollister. Not only in this society is his loss felt, but in the Church and town. In religious matters Mr. Hollister was always to be found in the front rank, and even up to his closing hours, his thoughts and words were of the work in the church which he was about to leave. Never was the night too stormy for him to drive a mile to meeting, never was there a meeting which had a tendency to drag but he was ready with a testimony to cheer those who needed help. He was for a number of years a teacher in the Sabbath-schools, as well as holding other offices in the church which made him a member well-beloved and very hard to dispense with. His family have the sympathy of the church and community.

HOCKANUM CONGREGATIONAL.

During the vacation of our Pastor, Rev. F. P. Bacheler, the Endeavor Society has voted to hold their meetings during the time of the regular morning service, this keeping the church open at that time instead of following the usual custom of closing the church during the Pastor's vacation.

During the next four Sundays the Junior Society will meet in the morning with the Senior Society.

Rev. F. P. Bacheler and family are to spend the remainder of the month of July at Gardiner Lake, Conn.

Godliness is gain to a nation, as to an individual.

BLUE HILLS AVE. CHAPEL.

Rev. J. A. Lytte, who has been our pastor at the Chapel, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Congregational Church of East Granby and has begun his work there. The best wishes of the people here, where his ministry has been prized, and in every way acceptable, go with him to his new field. He is succeeded by Mr. Louis Hodons, a student at the Seminary.

During June Mr. Hodons has been engaged in Student Volunteer work with Mr. Edwin Smith. He resumed his work here last Sunday and there is promise of continuing and increasing interest in the different lines in which we are working.

At the business meeting of the Endeavor Society the following officers were elected:

Pres., Mr. Louis Hodons; vice pres., Miss F. E. Fanning; secy. and treas., Miss Mary Barrett. Also the following chairmen of committees:

Lookout, Miss Lucy Sweet; prayer-meeting, Mr. F. M. Dawson; social, Miss Nellie Sweet.

Last Sunday the Sunday-school was visited by Mr. W. H. Hall of West Hartford, whose interest in the school has always encouraged the workers to keep on even when there was much to discourage them.

BLOOMFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

1. The union meeting with the M. E. society Sunday evening, July 9th, was a pronounced success. A goodly number were present and many practical suggestions for vacation-goers were given. The unanimous sentiment of the meeting was that Endeavor work at home should not be dropped during vacation season, and that all Endeavorers while away on their vacations should make special effort to attend church, rendering such assistance and encouragement to the workers as opportunity may offer. Many a time a friendly visit coupled perhaps with a few earnest, hopeful words, have put new life and inspiration into a small struggling society, whose surroundings are such that the opportunities for coming into touch with the onward movement of Christian Endeavor, are very limited.

For some time it has been very evident that our society was carrying too heavy a load of "non active" active members to make any commendable progress. Although regretting the necessity for a revising of our membership list, but with a firm conviction that it was the best remedy, the unloading has been quietly but faithfully performed, and already we can see that the wheels are beginning to move freer, and the energy now expended, we believe is going to accomplish immediate and far more satisfactory results.

The presence of Christ is power. For more power, get more of Christ, by his Spirit.



Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The vacation is now at hand and the office force will soon be enjoying the annual breathing spell. Mr. Hersey, the General Secretary, will probably spend a portion of his time at least with his brother in Denver, Colorado.

Mr. Brown, the Junior Department Secretary, started Thursday morning with a number of the boys for the Junior Y. M. C. A. Camp at Madison, where he will undoubtedly spend a pleasant two weeks. Upon Mr. Brown's return Mr. Conant will enjoy himself for ten days visiting the home of his mother in Norwich.

Mr. Work will visit relatives down the river. Before the issue of this number we expect to welcome back to our ranks our Physical Director, Mr. Wilson. We hope to see him enjoying the best of health and the boys will no doubt give him the "glad hand."

HILLYER INSTITUTE.

YOUNG MAN—"What do you charge down at the Young Men's Christian Association for lessons in electricity?"

SECRETARY—"Membership in the Association is required which is two dollars, then a class fee of three dollars for twenty lessons is charged."

YOUNG MAN—"Is that all? That's cheap."

SECRETARY—"It is very seldom that any one finds fault."

YOUNG MAN—"Do you know what I spent for private lessons? I blowed in over fifty dollars last winter."

The names of students who successfully passed the International examinations were recently published. At present only two have asked us to send for certificates. All who passed above the seventy-five per cent. are entitled to these certificates which are granted by the educational department of the International Committee. The students desiring them should leave with the Educational Secretary one dollar which will be forwarded to New York.

Our Educational exhibit which went to the International Convention at Grand Rapids, Mich., will be in Hartford again within a few days. Several highest awards and honorable mentions were taken. Particulars will be published when the exhibit arrives.

"Men" says that Hartford received highest award for the best exhibit in

machine work at the International Convention. We are very sorry that it is a mistake, but it is. We had no exhibit of that character.

WORKINGMEN'S EXCHANGE.

The number of callers at the Workingman's Exchange is on the increase.

This week has brought new faces, and right here, I want to thank the old friends of the Exchange for the interest they are taking introducing men who have never visited our rooms before. They all say it is one of the coolest places in town and one of the most all-around social spots on earth. Nothing but the *Golden Rule* goes here.

Fourth of July the New Haven Y. M. C. A. Wheel Club went through here to Springfield on a century run. Made a short stop, just long enough to say how'dy' do, and away they went, Hartung in the lead and the others close up. Was sorry the boys couldn't stay a little longer. I was just making the lemonade, but away they went over the hills and far away.

All day long wheelmen from out of town were calling and partook of the refreshments that we always set out on holiday occasions, and later on there will be given some grand entertainments by the Workingmen's Exchange.

THE OPEN HEARTH.

The work at the Mission is still, producing gratifying results and many a poor soul attracted to the Mission receives an encouraging word and advice from Supt. Miller. The services are continued and though attendance is good for the season. Supt. Miller speaks almost every evening and is eagerly listened to by those wishing encouragement in leading a new life while those who are broken down and discouraged are pointed to One who can strengthen and deliver them from the evil habits which have so nearly been their ruin.

The Gospel Wagon runs each Sunday and at the three stations—Pope's Grove, Corner Front and State streets, and City Hall Square—generally meet crowds of people waiting to hear the addresses and join in the singing of familiar hymns. The good done can never be known, but that much has been accomplished is manifest. The value of the Mission to our city is great and the interest felt in the work is constantly increasing.

Ned. "Do you know of any people who really live according to their convictions?"

Ted. "Oh, yes; there's plenty of them in Sing Sing."

Jack. "I say, Jim, why aren't you calling on Miss Jones any more?"

Jim. "Don't ask me, Jack; the reason is a parent."

"Help! Help! The bookkeeper has taken a dose of arsenic by mistake!" "Then don't go near him—don't! He's a poisoned adder."

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• Editorial. •

IF WE BUT KNEW.

For thousands of years men have sought for the truth and they are still seeking. The truth which many of them seek for, however, is that which appeals to the reason and not to the heart, and vainly have they searched and vainly will they seek until Truth itself shall be manifested to them in such a way that even their reason must convince them of what they might have discovered in their own hearts.

But it is not God's purpose yet to reveal to any of his children all the truth. Enough he gives them to satisfy the soul's desire. And to the earnest seeker, more and more does He reveal Himself, and nearer and nearer to the truth does the soul arrive which seeks only to know God.

But many an earnest seeker after truth there is which knows not God at all, and many, many more who know so little of Him, that they have never discovered that only through Him can they learn aught of the truth. And even those who know God, and have learned much of the truth from Him, still cry out for more and more light, for a complete revelation, cry out for that which God will never reveal to them, till He reveals Himself. Then shall they know, and they shall be satisfied.

In the meantime what men cannot know by sight or touch, they must learn by faith. There is no other way.

They think often that they have arrived nearer the truth than those who sought before them, but never do they break the bounds of that mystic circle

which divides the seen from the unseen. They do not even compass the whole of that circle, but like a caged beast pace back and forth within but one segment of it. Their father before them paced a different segment, their father's father still another, and so on backward around the circle, and the man who thinks he has found the latest truth, but stands where some ancestor stood a thousand years before, perhaps. And a striking proof of this is that comparatively new cult which has found its ideal of truth in the dogmas of ancient India.

Only by faith can we break through that circle and obtain glimpses of the truth beyond, and no human philosophy or reasoning can do as much. The brightest minds on earth have tried and failed utterly, while many a lowly one of earth has had wonderful revelations through faith.

Most of us have comparatively little faith. To say nothing of that faith which could remove mountains, we hardly have faith enough to save ourselves, for without faith it is impossible to please God.

At every turn of the road we seek for a sign, instead of trusting to the guide, and we longingly say "If we but knew—the way."

Doubts trouble our souls, and instead of seeking a solution of God we try to reason it out. We fail, and cry out "O, if we but knew—the truth."

We seek to know of that country which lies before us, yet which we cannot see. Which we are surely bound for, yet of which we know so little. "If we but knew—of heaven," we sigh, we could better live aright here. We forget that heaven is where God is, and by faith we can know that all is happiness there.

The friends who go before us into that country we long to meet again. They send back no message to us of hope and encouragement, and we know that to meet them we must go where they are. But there seems to be a gulf between, wide and forbidding, and we shrink back. We stand on the brink and try to peer across. We say "If we but knew—we should meet them over yonder."

And we feel that if such knowledge were only vouchsafed us, death would have no sting. Yet by faith, too, we can believe that we shall meet our loved ones again when our turn comes to pass over.

Every problem of our life can be answered by faith. God's final test of man is not a test of reason but of faith. Reason fails us at every crisis of our lives, but by faith all things are possible not only to accomplish but to understand.

THE VAGARIES OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

It is hard to explain how certain phases of religious thought develop and why it is that persons otherwise very intelligent are carried away by fads. It makes us wonder whether or not some day or other, as people seem

to be moved in throngs, there will not be started a movement toward the truth. The Catholic World Magazine for July, besides printing an extremely good yet rather theological refutation of Christian Science, makes a strong and cogent argument against it in its editorial notes. It attempts to explain the causes for the rise and spread of this latest religious craze in the following way:

"In all probability Christian Science has a partial reason for its existence in the materialism of the medical profession. One extreme invariably originates the opposite. A reaction always follows the affirmation of error. The medical profession has made very little of the soul, and has taken into account in a very small degree the psychological influences of mind over matter. It has depended on the knife and the remedies of the pharmacopoeia almost entirely. Christian Science has obtained not a few of its adherents on account of the revulsion against the failures of the doctors who have depended upon medicine alone, and made very little of the soul. It, of course, can point to a number of well-authenticated cases of 'divine healing.' In this it is not by any means unique. So can the most innocent quack medicine in the market. A large volume of letters full of most truthful and sincere statements, from many who have been really cured can be offered in testimony of the efficiency of any proprietary medicine on the market. Anything from a bread pill to a rabbit's foot carried in one's pocket may stimulate the psychological agencies to bring about a cure.

"As a religious system Christian Science is founded on radically erroneous principles. It flourishes partly through the fatuous tendency of so many to try to grasp what they cannot understand, and partly through the inherent passion for the novel and the strange. It will soon outlive its popularity and some other fad will cater to public taste."

The article by Rev. Mr. Ranney in this issue deserves the careful and thoughtful reading of every one. The subject "Summer Reading for Young People" is an especially timely one, though surely not limited in interest to "young people."

Mr. Ranney's suggestion that those who are idlers through the rest of the year ought to spend vacation time in work, would surely prove profitable if applied, but how many of the leisurely class will apply it?

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The summer is upon us and there is a general relaxation of labor along many lines, particularly perhaps along the line of church work. Our reports from the churches last month and this month bear witness to this fact. Perhaps it is all right to let up for a season on our religious activities, provided we have been active in the Lord's work, but the danger is that we will also let up on our religious principles as well. If a vacation will afford us true rest

from true labor, new strength for the work ahead and no letting down of moral bars, then it is earnestly to be hoped that all of us can obtain such a breathing spell during the summer.

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This is a month of conventions. The great C. E. Convention at Detroit has come and gone and by all accounts it has been one of the most successful ever held. The programme was carefully varied enough to suit every one, and the meetings seem to have been better attended than ever before.

During the present week the Baptist young people of America hold their ninth annual convention at Richmond. They, too, have a very attractive programme and the convention promises to be very successful.

Later in the month the Epworth League Conference (Methodist) will be held at Indianapolis. President McKinley is expected to attend and address this assembly. Other statesmen, Bishops and leading clergymen also participate.

These conventions are no longer experiments, and people do not sneer at them as hugh "picnics." It has been demonstrated that these great assemblies are sources of spiritual power, which spreads all over the country as the various delegates and visitors return to their homes.

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"The Gospel Wagon News" again put in appearance last month. It is filled with live thoughts, helpful anecdotes, and the inside contains the hymns which are sung in connection with the gospel wagon services. The gospel wagon we trust has come to stay. Few religious agencies in Hartford will accomplish as much as this one does through the summer.

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The Courant Fresh Air Fund desires the liberal contributions of every one. A day in the country for some of our "East Siders" is a greater event by far for many of them, than a two weeks' vacation is for many more favored ones.

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Farewell to the old Pearl Street Congregational Church, Rev. Wm. D. Love, the Pastor, has preached his last sermon in it, and it has ceased to exist, the name having been changed to the Farmington Avenue Congregational Church; and when the congregation re-assemble in the fall, it will be at the new edifice on Farmington Ave. The old church has had a history of which it may well be proud, but circumstances have compelled the change in location. May the new church be richly blessed and may it have a long and useful career before it.

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"The Peace Cross Book," which was printed for the Trustees of the Cathedral Foundation, Washington, for private distribution, has called forth so much praise and so many inquiries that it has been decided to put the book on sale. It contains the order of services for the raising of the "Peace Cross" on St. Albans Hill, Washington,—on the proposed site of the Protestant Episcopal

Cathedral,—the address of the Bishop of Washington, President McKinley's response, a description of the scene by Thomas Nelson Page, etc., and reproductions of photographs of the Cross, St. Albans Hill, and a view of the unveiling.

The pure and sensitive soul shrinks and recoils from the impure thoughts as from the impure act.

It is doubtful if any man could by any possibility do his noblest, or think his deepest, without a preparation of suffering.

False friendship, like the ivy, decays and ruins the walls it embraces; but true friendship gives new life and animation to the object it supports.

TEMPERANCE NOTES.

Are there any of our Young People's Societies that have not a Temperance Committee? If so, why not? It is a very important one.

A drinker said that a glass of whiskey made him a new man. That new man wanted another glass.—Prof. Ellen Hayes.

What quarrels, fightings, and even murders, are constantly growing out of the drunkard's "contentions!" Strong drink inflames the passions, and at the same time removes the restraint of conscience and will—it first maddens, then unchains the tiger.—R. R. Meredith.

Note that every drunkard was once an innocent child. Every one was first a moderate drinker. No one ever yet became a drunkard who refused to touch intoxicating drink. Not all who drink moderately do become drunkards, but no one ever became a drunkard who did not first drink moderately.—Peloubet.

The strongest prohibition forces in the world to-day are railroad managers, bank directors, corporation governors, athletic trainers and military commanders. Sobriety has always been a condition of success, and it is coming to be a condition necessary to securing employment. If we have been somewhat impatient of a conspicuous failure to adopt or to enforce prohibitory laws, we are none the less gratified at this temperance movement from a quarter least expected. It is generally known that a large business which employs a great many men in responsible positions keeps detectives constantly employed to report upon the conduct and habits of these men. Visiting the races, keeping late hours, and frequenting saloons are evidences of unfitness to fill such places of trust, and men who engage in these habits must very soon give place to those who can be trusted.—Central Baptist.

While missionary boards are wondering whether and how religious work

can be begun in the Philippines, the representatives of the liquor interests in the United States are applying the principle of expansion to their trade. A recent number of a liquor trade journal tells "What we are doing in Manila." Among other things it records that when its agents entered the city there were but two places on the principal business street where liquors were sold; now there are eighteen, while altogether there are 300 licensed saloons. The wonder is that the number is not greater in view of the fact that a license costs but \$3.00 a year. The street cars have been supplied with signs extolling the good qualities of certain brands of liquors.

HUNTSINGER'S BUSINESS COLLEGE.

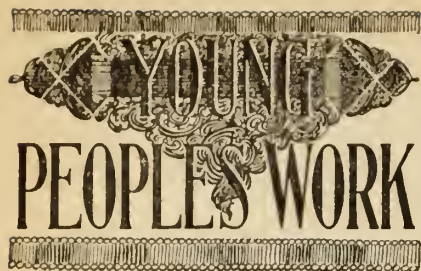
The 11th year of this college closed June 30, 1899, it having been the most successful year in its history.

Diplomas have been issued to graduates since July 1, 1898 to June 30, 1899, as follows:

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The Christian's power, like electricity, depends on keeping perfect the connection with the Source.



HARTFORD C. E. UNION.

PRESIDENT'S NOTE BOOK.

The great Detroit Convention has come and gone. Connecticut sent a good delegation this year, and Hartford was well represented. Your President was besieged with applications for circulars during the last few days before the party started. It is to be most earnestly hoped that those attending will bring back with them fire and enthusiasm enough to "pass around" liberally during the coming season.

I feel disposed to "scold" somewhat at the city societies, for their poor support of the June sectional meetings, which were held outside. The outside societies have been very loyal to the Union, and have time and again sent good delegations a considerable distance to meetings in the centrally-located churches; and it is only reasonable for them to expect a return in kind when the Union meetings are held with them.

I wish our Endeavorers generally might have a larger interest in planning and preparing the Union meetings. I want to make one suggestion for our annual meeting, and would be glad to hear comments, favorable or otherwise, as to its practicability and desirability. Suppose we lengthen our closing consecration meeting to half or three quarters of an hour, and have a roll-call by societies, as the national convention does by states, each society rising when its name is called and repeating a verse of scripture or singing a verse of a hymn. How would such a service please your society?

Yours in C. E.

N. B. Bassett.

Several good meetings have been held during July, and were well attended.

The meeting of the Central Section was held at West Hartford, and despite the storm, was largely attended and very interesting. The theme was "Temperance," and was ably handled by Rev. Walter F. Prince. The Rev. J. H. James of Rockville also spoke.

The fifth meeting of the Eastern Section was held at the South Windsor Congregational church. The theme was "Temperance," and the discussion was opened by the Rev. Harold Pattison of this city.

The fifth meeting of the Northern Section was held with the Windsor Congregational Society, Wednesday evening. Addresses were made by the Rev. Duane N. Griffin, on "An Unhealthy Community," and Professor C. S. Beardslee, on "A Healthy Community."

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The Southern Section held a meeting at Wethersfield and the large number present attested the great interest that section has in the Endeavor meetings.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR PRAYER MEETING TOPICS.

[From the Presbyterian Manual.]

July 16.—A friend in need. Luke 10: 30-37.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

Apparent need is not always real need. He is our best friend who helps our real need.

He never was a friend who fails to be a friend in need.

To be a friend costs. He cannot know the joy of friendship who will not pay its price.

He is the best friend who helps us to be our best self.

The heart cannot be open if the hand is shut.

Friendship's chief business is lifting.

We learn how to be friends in the company of our best Friend.

We go back on Christ every time we turn from one of his needy friends.

Helpfulness is surest winsomeness. The only enduring basis of popularity is service.

We befriend Christ in every fallen brother we lift.

July 23.—Honoring the Lord's Day. —Ex. 20: 8-11; Rev. 1: 10.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

We honor the Lord by honoring his day.

A sacred Sabbath sanctifies life.

Even religious excess is a violation of the Sabbath. This is the day of rest.

Only the Lord's work should be done on the Lord's Day.

That Sabbath is in vain that is not a Sabbath of worship.

A helpful Sabbath is a holy Sabbath.

We honor the Lord's Day best in his house.

He who is in the Spirit on the Lord's Day always hears the Lord's voice.

Sabbath is more than a day for exhibiting fine clothes and eating big dinners. How much more, to you?

The battle for the Sabbath is a battle for the Saviour. Our holy faith must have a holy Sabbath.

Closed Bibles dishonor the Sabbath.

Sabbath should be the day of instruction in the things of the eternal Sabbath.

July 30.—That good part.—Luke 10: 38-42.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

Forever the good part is to be a learner at Jesus' feet.

They who choose the good part can serve without fretting.

There is a time to serve and a time to worship. Either, out of place, is not the good part.

Friendship with Christ insures quietness of soul.

When Jesus draws near it is time to be still and listen.

Martha gave Jesus her cooking, but Mary gave him her companionship.

Whatever cannot be taken away is a good part.

They are wise servants who take time to learn.

If we ran to and fro less, we might hear Christ's voice more.

Happy is the person who can distinguish between the time for work and the time for worship.

August 6.—Drifting.—Eph. 4: 14; James 1: 1-8.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

They never drift whose lives have Christ for a pilot.

Faith is the best anchor.

Below every drifting soul a Niagara waits.

The bark that drifts makes no port.

A high purpose is a strong rudder.

Not wrong winds, but wrong sails and steering, wreck lives. God's purpose for every life is success.

Driftwood always goes down stream.

Go with the multitude and you will go wrong.

Want of work weakens the will.

God has appointed us a port, a Pilot, and power; why, then, need we drift?

All the world works with him who wills to work.

No soul ever drifted into heaven; purpose alone enters there.

A GOOD PRAYER MEETING.

Good prayer meetings do not happen. They are the effect of certain easily-understood causes—the presence of earnest believers, the general desire for worship and help, bright music, spontaneous and genuine participation, a variety of exercises and above all else, and including all else, the presence of the Spirit of God.

There is no reason why our young people's prayer meetings should be dull. Proper planning and work will brighten up the services of the feeblest society. There is no lack of methods. Whoever will take the trouble to read the Christian Endeavor literature that is now so easily obtained (Prof. Wells' "Prayer-Meeting Plans," for example) may have all the ways of working that he can put into practice in a year. Upon every prayer-meeting committee there is an obligation to search out and use these plans for improving the devotional services.

No two meetings should be exactly alike. Each should be designed to enforce especially the message of the evening's topic. Is prayer the subject? Then devote the meeting entirely to prayer in various forms. Is praise the subject? Then give over the exercises altogether to praise. Is it young people's work? Then let all the officers and committee chairmen lead the meeting together. Dual leadership—an older and a younger member—should frequently be tried. Do without any leader, in an automatic meeting. Let a church officer or a stranger or an entire committee lead occasionally. Have a pledge meeting, memory meetings, promise meetings, men's meetings, women's meetings, motto meetings, "next-step" meetings, old-people's meetings,

open-air meetings, sunrise meetings, etc. Occasionally rearrange the seats in the meeting room; a semicircle is ideal. In some way, easily to be devised or learned, put freshness, variety and interest into the meetings.

A prayer meeting should be interesting, but it should be vastly more. It is not an entertainment or a pastime. Its purposes are devotional and spiritual. The worship of God and the culture of human souls are its aim. By its aid we should be brought nearer to God. Heaven should touch earth at this gathering of young disciples. Here hearts should unburden themselves to the great Burden-bearer; here strength should be received from the great Strengthener. A young people's prayer meeting is a solemn occasion, fraught with eternal and vital possibilities to young lives. Its importance and its opportunities should inspire us to be wise, versatile, faithful, and reverent.

MY NEIGHBOR JIM.

Everything pleases my neighbor Jim.
When it rained

He never complained,
But said that wet weather suited him.
"There's never too much rain for me,
And this is something like," said he.

When earth was dry as a powder-mill

He did not sigh
Because it was dry;
But said if he could have his will
It would be his chief, supreme delight
To live where the sun shone day and night.

When winter came with its snow and ice

He did not scold
Because it was cold,
But said: "Now, this is real nice;
If ever from home I'm forced to go,
I'll move up north with the Eskimo."

A cyclone whirled along its track

And did him harm—
It broke his arm,
And stripped the coat from off his back.
"And I would give another limb
To see such a blow again," said Jim.

And when at length his years were told,
And his body bent

And his strength all spent,
And Jim was very weak and old,
"I long have wanted to know," he said,
"How it feels to die;" and Jim was dead.

—Temperance Banner.

The Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions is sending into the field fifty new missionaries.

True friendship can only be made between true men. Hearts are the soul of honor. There can be no lasting friendship between bad men. Bad men may pretend to love each other; but their friendship is a rope of sand, which shall be broken at any convenient season. But if a man have a sincere heart within him, and be true and noble, then we may confide in him.—Spurgeon.

ANECDOTES.

Dr. MacGregor met, in the great Scotch city his name and fame adorns, a little girl carrying in her arms a baby so bonny that she fairly staggered under the weight. "Baby's heavy, isn't he, dear?" said the Doctor. "No," replied the winsome bairn, "he isn't heavy, he's my brother." The missionary burden is gone when the human brotherhood is realized.—Sel.

Apropos of children's department, a story is recalled of the lately dead John Brown, the Queen of England's faithful henchman. When he first entered the service of Prince Albert the little princesses, hearing their father address him as "Brown," used the same form in speaking to him. The Queen corrected them and they all addressed him as "Mr. Brown," excepting the Princess Louise, who, imperious even in childhood, persisted in her right to use the name as her father did. One morning the queen heard her and informed her that if she again addressed Mr. Brown without a handle on his name, she would be sent to bed. The next morning, when he presented himself in the royal apartments, where the family assembled, the little miss said flippantly: "Good morning, Brown!"

Then as she saw the eyes of her queen-mother fixed upon her, she rose and, with a curtesy, continued:

"And good night Brown, for I am going to bed." And she walked resolutely away to her punishment.

Apropos of the proposed "Anglo-American alliance," the story of Horace Greeley's neat rebuke of the Englishman who once agreed with him too literally may be worth telling. Mr. Greeley was discussing, in a general company, the faults and needs of his own nation.

"What this country needs," said he, in his piping voice and Yankee accent, "is a real good licking!"

It happened that there was an Englishman present, and he promptly said, with unmistakable English accent:

"Quite right, Mr. Greeley, quite right. The country needs a 'licking.'"

But Mr. Greeley, without glancing in the Englishman's direction, or seeming to pay any attention to the interruption, went on in the same squeaky tone:

"But the trouble is, there's no nation that can give it to us!"—Youth's Companion.

A small boy in one of Marshall Field's stores in Chicago approached his employer and asked for an advance in salary.

"How much are you getting a week now?" asked the merchant.

"Four dollars and a half, sir."

"And how old are you?"

"Twelve, sir."

"Why, my boy, at your age I wasn't paid that much."

"Well, maybe you weren't worth it to the firm you was working for, but I am."

He got the raise.—Sel.

During a feshet in Connecticut, one editor telegraphed to another: "Send me full particulars of the flood." The answer came: "You'll find them in Genesis."

A gentleman, who was apparently rather deeply tinged with the prevalent Anglomania, was at a watering place descanting upon the superiority of English over American scenery.

"There really is no finished scenery in this country," he was pleased to observe; "of course, the Palisades on the Hudson are very well made but—"

"Yes," crisply and dryly remarked the American girl whom he was favoring with his conversation, "I think they are, considering who made them."

"I shall hae to gie it up," remorsefully ejaculated the Scotch minister, when, having buried his ball in a bunker, he momentarily abandoned himself to language which would have been deemed incorrect by the General Assembly. "What! gie up goff!" cried the caddie, who could hardly believe his ears. "Na! na!" rejoined the other. "I mean the meenistry."—Household Worlds.

"I will teach you a thing or two," said the terrier, as he jumped at the hedgehog.

And as he jumped back, yelping with pain, the hedgehog remarked,—

"Don't whine. I was only giving you a few pointers."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

"Gorge!" she screamed, "my neck!"

"What's the matter?"

"There's a pillacatter—"

"A what?"

"A taperkiller—"

"What in the world do you mean?"

"Oh, dear!" she moaned, as she clutched him frantically. "A kitterpaller! You know, George! A patterkiller!"

"Oh!" said George, with evident relief, and he proceeded to brush the future butterfly away.—Selected.

There are 3,256 lepers being helped by the Mission to lepers in India.

There are 650 Protestant missionaries, men and women,—the wives of missionaries not included, working for the kingdom of Christ in Japan. There were 3,060 baptisms of adults in 1897, 500 more than in 1896. The total number of Protestant Christians is 41,000. The Russian Church in Japan claims 24,000 members and the Roman Church 53,000.

It is estimated that the consumption of beer in the entire world amounts to \$1,080,000,000 per annum. This seems to be an almost incredible figure, but does not appear so strange when it is considered that the beer which is consumed throughout the world in a single year would make a lake three and three-quarters miles long, a mile wide and six feet deep.



Conducted by Mr. George Whipple Steele.

Questions on musical subjects of general interest will be answered in this department.

NARROWNESS OF MIND.

BY CHARLES S. SKILTON.

The late Woldemar Bargiel is known as a composer of the Schumann school, whose best work was done in the earlier part of his life, while in his later years he devoted himself almost entirely to teaching as head of the department of composition in the Royal High School for Music, at Berlin. The writer of this sketch had the privilege of studying with him at that institution, and believes an account of his methods and personality would be of general interest.

The pupil's first acquaintance with Bargiel was likely to be made at the class for score-playing, over which he presided. Armed with one of the six volumes of Bargiel's edition of Bach's "Chorales," three or four students presented themselves to the master. Over his spectacles he placed a pair of eye glasses, which gave him a somewhat formidable appearance, as he selected a pupil and inquired, "What have you brought today?" Each chorale was printed in open score, the three upper parts in the C clefs. The pupil was required to prepare one or more chorales for playing, later to read them at sight, then to transpose to any key and finally to transpose at sight, after which he was promoted to the Bach motets and thence to orchestral scores. The drill was severe, but laid solid foundations for sight-reading. Every young musician grumbles over the C clefs, and on one occasion I presented to Bargiel a vocal composition compressed into ordinary vocal score. He immediately advised the use of C clefs, and when I instanced various modern compositions published in compressed score he replied, "That makes no difference. My brother-in-law, Schumann, always used the C clefs, and I use them." His connection with Schumann was a source of pride to him and he frequently alluded to it.

Schumann was the only modern composer of whom he approved.

Of Brahms, on whose shoulders Schumann publicly placed his mantle, Bargiel is reported to have said, "Brahms is a fine man and a very good friend of mine; but he cannot compose music. He has written no real symphony."

Against Wagner he was most bitter. On one occasion he was instructing

two of his favorite pupils, when allusion was made to "Die Walkure." "Herr B—," he said, "do you find 'Die Walkure' beautiful?" "Indeed I do, Professor Bargiel." "Herr K—, do you find 'Die Walkure' beautiful?" "Most certainly, Professor Bargiel." "Well, gentlemen, unless you can compose better music than 'Die Walkure,' you need not visit my classes again."

His estimate of Grieg was educed in similar fashion at an ensemble class. He called on a young lady from Norway, and said, "Well, Fraulein, what have you brought with you?" "A trio by Greig, Herr Professor." "What is that? by Grieg? But, my dear young lady, Grieg is no music." "What!" cried the young Norwegian, "Grieg is no music? Adieu, Herr Professor." She swept from the room like an offended goddess, while Bargiel probably thought the manners of Norwegians corresponded well with their music.

It was this inability to sympathize with new tendencies and to identify himself with the musical expression of the spirit of his own times, that prevented Bargiel from becoming one of the great composers, rather than any lack of musical gifts. He belonged to the age of Schumann, and did his best work as a young man at that time.

As he outlived that period, his compositions became reminiscent and fewer, and, though he occasionally produced a classic gem of the purest water, he remained without influence as a composer upon the modern tendencies of music. His best work is probably the G-minor suite for piano, Op. 36, with its popular "Marcia Fantastica" and an adagio and finale, which makes one of the great passages of piano literature. The story of its first performance has never, to the present writer's knowledge, been told in print, and is of peculiar interest to all American musicians.

In the early sixties, an American boy of sixteen, now a well-known New England musician, performed the feat of playing from memory the whole of Bach's "Well-Tempered Clavichord," with the variants of the different editions. He went to Leipzig to study, where his remarkable power of memorizing from a single reading won him general recognition.

At this time Bargiel arrived with his G-minor suite, anxious to have it performed at one of the famous Gewandhaus concerts, then the best musical opportunity of Germany for composer or artist. He played it to the committee, who were enthusiastic, and agreed that it should be rendered next Friday night, that day being Tuesday. "But you can not perform it," they said to Bargiel; "you do not play well enough." Bargiel blushed and stammered, "How is it possible for any one to learn it in time? It is long and difficult work, taxing the powers of a virtuoso; no one knows it by heart but myself, and the manuscript is with the publisher." "Get the advance sheets," they said, "and we will have it played for you."

So advance sheets were received on

Thursday and immediately handed to the American student, a boy of sixteen, to learn by heart and play at a Gewandhaus concert the next evening—a task worthy of the efforts of Liszt.

The young man, nothing daunted, went to a friendly music-dealer and played the work over four times, for him unusually careful preparation. On the appointed night he played it with such effect that Bargiel found himself famous, and developed for the young American a friendship which lasted to the end.

Possibly this experience led him to watch more carefully for unexpected talents among his pupils. Never did one write a successful sonata movement or ensemble piece but that Bargiel was quick to have it performed at class or concert, even by chorus and orchestra. He would first read over the fortunate work; then ask the composer to play it; then say, "That will sound well with violin and piano. Bring it to the ensemble class Thursday." If a pupil was struggling without success with an idea, Bargiel would often take it and improvise a composition in the desired style, frequently following with something of his own.

He made few criticisms in detail, unless he were offended by some ultra-modern effect, but sought to fill the pupil with the spirit of his work and to inspire him by contact with masterpieces. This is the reason for his great success as a teacher. Every pupil felt that he was under the direction of a wise, tranquil, lofty nature that stood for purity, strength, and simplicity in art, and would lay staunch foundations which might safely be trusted to support any later developments along modern lines.—"The Etude."

They who, out of perverseness, deny the existence of God, and declare their worship of Nature,—what do they do but acknowledge God in a language of their own choosing.—Rev. Madison C. Peters.

A genius is God's vehicle for translating such of the wonders and beauties of His visible forms as He wishes men to know.—From "In Tune with the Infinite."

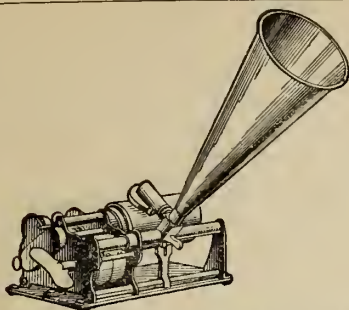
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THE SLEEP PROBLEM.

In these days of rush and excitement, when the nervous system is too often stretched to its utmost tension, and when neurasthenia is rampant everywhere, the question of rest and sleep must be considered. The mode of living has so altered, even within the past thirty years, and especially in this country, that the sleep problem is the matter of the first importance. This being the case, the fact that little is definitely known as to the cause of sleep is decidedly curious. Sleep—perhaps the most marvelous phenomenon in the world—may rightly be termed a mystery.

But, as with everything to which by long use we have become accustomed, we regard it with indifference. In some journals and magazines in this country and in Great Britain instructive articles have been of late contributed in regard to sleep. Dr. Andrew Wilson, in the April issue of Harper's Magazine, takes the popular view that it is in the brain cells that we shall probably find such explanation of sleep as science can afford. Madame de Manacine, who has in an essay published some few months ago collected and presented in an attractive form the principal facts dealing with the causation of sleep, says:

"The truth is that although the problems of sleep have exercised some of the greatest intellects of ancient and modern times from Aristotle downward, all that we really know of sleep is due to the labors of a comparatively small number of workers." The vasomotor theory of sleep is the one most widely accepted. Cerebral anaemia is one of the most potent predisposing factors. Flugel contends that carbonic acid plays a very important part in the causation of sleep. Nerve histologists have put forward the principal theories with regard to sleep, of which those advanced by Howell of John Hopkins have perhaps obtained the most credence.

Leonard Hill thus summarizes the facts which are known concerning sleep: 1. Respiration, (a) The number per minute remains unaltered, the movement becomes shallow and thoracic in type; (b) the amount of inspired air per minute is lessened by from one-half to two-thirds; (c) the output of carbonic acid gas is diminished by one-half to two-thirds. 2. Circulation, (a) The blood congests in the limbs; (b) the venous system is engorged; (c) the arterial pressure falls; (d) the pulse rate diminishes; and (e) the velocity of blood flow decreases. 3. Temperature. The temperature falls during the night. The production of heat is estimated to diminish by from half to two-thirds. 4. Nervous system. (a) the blood-flow

through the brain is diminished; (b) the acidity of the cortex decreases; (c) the excitability of consciousness to external stimuli steadily decreases during the first one to two hours of sound sleep. After that period the excitability rapidly becomes almost as great as it is toward the end of sleep; and (d) consciousness alone seems to be abrogated during sleep. The nerves and the special senses continue to transmit impulses and produce reflex movements. Cerebral anaemia is the theory which has the most wide acceptance, but as Leonard Hill remarks, such speculations do not carry us far, and the causation of sleep must still be regarded as meta-physical. While, however, the cause of sleep still continues to be enveloped in more or less mystery, of one truth we are much too frequently cognizant in the present age—that of insomnia, possibly the worst misery to be imagined.

Highly wrought nervous organizations, produced by the high pressure living of our times, are in this country rather the rule than the exception. Therefore the absolute need for a period of repose spent among healthy, invigorating surroundings, which should be a *sine qua non* with the fagged-out brain workers of our cities. This question is undoubtedly one of the most serious confronting the rising generation who dwell in the busy centers of trade, and become more and more menacing as the years roll on.—The Medical Record.

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WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

The last meeting of the season, held with Mrs. W. S. Groesbeck, recently removed to West Hartford, was a very pleasant occasion. Many ladies from

West Hartford accepted the invitation to meet the Hartford ladies, who were present in large number.

A short business session was held during which the President, Mrs. C. B. Forbes, gave words of greeting and item of interest in regard to our work. A report was given of the School of Methods, held by the State Union in East Hampton. It had been a very enjoyable and successful one, largely attended from the different parts of the state. It is hoped that the many things learned, one from another will tell in better results in our future work.

After the business was over, several children present enlivened our meeting with recitation and song.

Refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed. An unique salad was provided; a quotation from Miss Frances E. Willard enclosed in a fragrant leaf sewed on a large platter, and read by each lady present as she was introduced by the President.

Another pleasant feature was the meeting of the aged parents of the hostess, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Osborn, who, although having done with the active service for the Master with which their long life had been filled, are still able to witness for Him and cheer others on in good works.

A vote of thanks were tendered our kind hostess for the pleasant entertainment which had been so much enjoyed.

THE SHELTER FOR WOMEN.

The month of June passed quickly; it was full of joy and gladness.

Quite a number have come to us during the month, all needing help.

A number of friends remembered the home with beautiful roses.

Our Clothing Bureau is being supplied with "our own make" in aprons.

Our Sabbath afternoon services have been very precious seasons to many hungry souls.

We praise the Lord for the change so manifest in the daily life of some who have been with us.

It was a patriotic crowd that enjoyed the home of our faithful friends Mr. and Mrs. Jennison of Wethersfield, the 4th of July; from morning until the evening friends were coming and all felt the day had been a happy one.

Miss Halstead is away on her vacation; she will spend the greater part of her time in Nova Scotia; returning early in September. Miss Beach is with us during her absence.

Lady Randolph Churchill has just started a new magazine in London, "The Anglo-Saxon," which promises to outdo all others in the field.

Mrs. Belva A. Lockwood has been engaged to deliver a course of five lectures before the summer school of Mystic, Connecticut. The subjects of the course are as follows: The Pension Laws of the United States; the Patent Laws of the United States; the Jurisprudence of Probate Courts; the Jurisprudence of Equity Courts; and the Common Law; or What Every Woman Should Know.

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JOKES.

An editor at a dinner-table, being asked if he would take some pudding, replied, in a fit of abstraction, "Owing to a crowd of other matter, we are unable to find room for it."—Household.

Wiggles: "Shockingly unprincipled lot, those waiters. One of them passed a bad half-crown on me the other day, confound them! And I haven't been able to get rid of it yet."—Ex.

Little Clarence—"Pa, what do people feather their nests with?"

Mr. Callipers—"Cash down is the best thing I know of."—Puck.

"Well," said the governor of Manila, "if this is a Pacific squadron, heaven preserve us from their quarrelsome one."—Judy.

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Clerk—"Yes, sir."

Patent Medicine Proprietor—"If these people want to see their names in print they ought to pay for it."—Puck.

"I know the pumpkin pie was rather thin as to filling," said the landlady, almost crying, "but I don't think he had any right to say what he did."

"What did he say?" asked the second table boarder.

"He asked if I didn't think the pie-crust would be improved if it had a second coat of paint."—Indianapolis.

Mrs. Mulligan—"An' w'at did His 'Anner say to you this morning?"

Mrs. Mulcahy—"Can't you and your husband live together without fighting?"

Mrs. Mulligan—"An' w'at did yer say?"

Mrs. Mulcahy—"No, Yer 'Anner, not happily."—Tit-Bits.

On Shipboard.—(Weary Passenger returning from the rail): "How do you manage to keep your meals down?"

Cheerful Passenger: "Bolt them."—Exchange.

"What answer did the Quartermaster make to the charge that he had fed the regiment for an entire week on nothing but sawdust?"

"Why, he said he had always understood that sawdust was very fine board."—Harper's Bazar.

Wife (with a determined air): "I want to see that letter."

Husband: "What letter?"

Wife: "That one you just opened. I know by the handwriting that it is from a woman, and you turned pale when you read it. I will see it! Give it to me, sir!"

Husband: "Here it is. It's your mil-liner's bill."—Ex.

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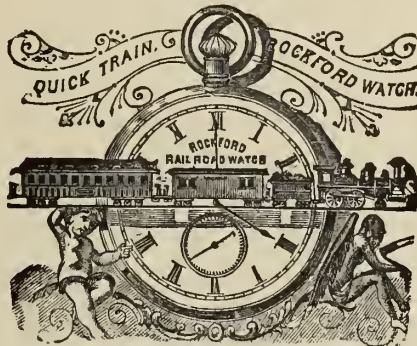
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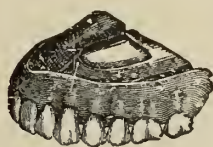
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ed. For instance, two hitherto unpublished portraits of Sir Walter Scott, accompanied by a sketch of the artist who made them, are followed by a detailed and authentic account of the romance's unhappy love affair, which cast a shadow over his entire life. The author of this true story is a descendant of one of Sir Walter's intimates, the brother-in-law of his successful rival and life-long friend.

With its infinite variety of excellencies, the July Ladies' Home Journal appeals to every taste and touches upon every interest. It opens with "The Most Famous Little Town in America," which pictures many interesting spots in historic and literary Concord. There is a delightful view of social life in the Colonial days in "When Washington was Married," which brings to light many new, interesting facts. A series of almost incredible narratives in "The Moonlight King" tells of the

follies and eccentricities of Ludwig II of Bavaria. The gifts to our Government from foreign Powers are described in "Presents That Have Come to Uncle Sam." Ian Maclaren discusses the pulpit and the pew in an article on "How to Make the Most of Your Minister," and Katharine Roich writes of "The College-Bred Woman in Her Home."

Magazine-readers of the summer months must be hard to please if they cannot find many articles of great interest in Self Culture for July. The half-tone pictures are particularly well chosen and printed, and present views and portraits that really "illustrate" the articles. "American Landscape Painters" has portraits of four representative artists, and a sketch of "Jean Racine and His Age" shows the great dramatist in the resplendent but cumbersome wig of the time of the Grand Monarch.

Messrs. Warner and White have compiled and published a very interesting little booklet called "Trips by Trolley and A-Wheel Around Hartford." It is copiously illustrated from photographs, of special artistic merits, one of which, through the courtesy of the publishers, we are enabled to reproduce. The little book sells for ten cents, and it can be found on all news-stands. The varied and interesting information, and the maps it contains, make it really worth several times the price.

In this day when the hope of ultimate church unity is entertained so widely throughout Christendom it is interesting to note in Stephen J. Herben's account of "The First Camp-meeting in America," in the July Woman's Home Companion, how much the open-air evangelistic meetings of the early part of the century had to do with breaking



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STATUE.

The descriptive articles present fine views of "The Island of Santa Catalina;" "The Smithsonian Institution;" and "Life on the Vega;" while "How the Handwriting Expert Works" not only explains his methods, but in a very clear photographic reproduction of a "raised" draft shows the various steps taken by the forger in the first place, and the subsequent modes of detection adopted by the convicting expert.

"The Misgovernment of the Modern City" is one of a group of articles dealing with questions of vital import and written by experts of international reputation. The "Saturday Evening Post" for July 15th will also contain articles and stories by Bret Harte, Molly Elliot Seawell, Col. W. F. Cody (Buffalo Bill), Ex-Senator Ingalls, Robert J. Burdette, and others equally well known.

down denominational narrowness and creed intolerance.

The Queen of the Swamp: and Other Plain Americans. By Mary Hartwell Catherwood. 331 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price \$1.25.

There are a baker's dozen short stories that make up this volume. The book is divided according to the background of the story into four sections. The sections are states—Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois.

"The Queen of the Swamp" is not the strongest or most interesting story. "A Man from the Spanish War" and "A Kentucky Princess" are both better stories. But nearly all are very interesting and most of them have strength, virility and truthfulness to life.

Mrs. Catherwood is less an idealist than a realist, but her realism is of that pure, fresh stamp that ennobles and uplifts and charms.

Ornamental Shrubs. By Lucius D. Davis. 338 pages, 8 vo. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. Price \$3.50.

This book is primarily addressed to that large class of persons, who, though interested in plants, have no special knowledge of botany, and neither time nor inclination to acquire such knowledge. It will however be of equal value to the enthusiastic botanist or scientific man, for the book contains material never before presented, relating to the varying of plant life under cultivation. The language and descriptions, and over one hundred accurately drawn illustrations, make the book easily comprehensible to the least scientific.

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teaching and appears to be a useful and instructive little tale. For children it is undoubtedly as pleasing as a fairy tale and much more profitable.

Miss Nume of Japan. By Onoto Watanna. 220 pages, 12 mo. Chicago: Rand, McNally & Co. Price \$1.25.

Miss Onoto Watanna, the young author of this book, is a Japanese herself. She has caused a mild sensation of late by her writings. All who read the present story will probably agree that most of the praise the author receives will be well merited.

The story is a Japanese-American romance. It tells how "Nume San" of Japan falls in love with an American named Sinclair, and how the thoughtless coquetry of Cleo, Ballard, an American girl, inspires a disastrous love in the heart of a serious, deep-hearted, Japanese gentleman.

"Miss Nume" would not be called

Field, Forest and Wayside Flowers. By Maud Goings. 411 pages, 8 vo. New York: The Baker & Taylor Company. Price \$1.50.

As Maud Goings, is a recognized authority on plant life, and botany in general, it is hardly necessary in reviewing the present volume to do more than give a brief description of its purpose.

We cannot do that any better than by quoting from the author's preface. "The chapters are so arranged as to follow the waxing and waning of plant life during an average season in the northeastern United States. It is written more especially for people who have not time, or perhaps, inclination, to become actual students, who have not familiarized themselves with botanic nomenclature and technical terms, and who yet love to observe the beauties and the wonders of familiar plant-life."

The book is well bound and printed,



NUME AND HER TWO FRIENDS, KOTO AND MATSU.

—From "Miss Nume of Japan"
Rand, McNally & Co., Publishers.

Some College Memories. By Robert Louis Stevenson. 23 pages, 32 mo. New York: M. F. Mansfield and A. Wessels. Price 75 cents.

This is a dainty, artistic, little volume containing recollections and an appreciation of the authors sojourn at St. Andrews University in Scotland. It is one of the finest bits of Stevensoniana extant, for the author was in full and sincere sympathy with his subject and his reminiscences are full of his love for his University.

Sir Bevis. By Richard Jefferies. 129 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Ginn & Company.

This is an adaptation by Eliza Josephine Kelley of Jefferies "Wood-Magic." "Sir Bevis" is a small boy who lives on terms of intimacy with all the people of nature—the inhabitants of the woods, the brooks, the swamps, and the air. The book is arranged for

a powerful story, but it is an unusual and most pleasing one and we predict a large sale for it.

A feature of the volume is its illustrations of Japanese scenes and characters, done in color.

Dainty Breakfasts. By Phyllis Browne. 130 pages, 12 mo. New York: Cassell & Company. Price 50 cents.

Appended to the title of this little book is a statement that it contains "a tabular introduction by A Mere Man." The nature of the book is, of course, sufficiently indicated by the title. It will be found a veritable mine of suggestions and directions to the many people who have often to tax their minds severely in order to have something new and appetizing for their morning meal. It will be found worth many times the sum it costs to get the book.

contains an index and is copiously illustrated with drawings and half-tones from photographs. Special chapters on grasses, sedges, and ferns are added.

The book reviewer of the *Woman's Home Companion*, one of the best publications of its kind, makes an amusing slip. Dr. C. W. Doyle of California recently wrote a story, "a la Kipling," called "The Taming of the Jungle," which the reviewer of the "*Companion*" gravely assures us is likely to become as popular as his "Sherlock Homes."

Dr. C. W. Doyle's name is not Conan W. Doyle and he did not write "Sherlock Holmes." That interesting character was invented and written about by A. Conan Doyle of England, another man and no relation of the author of "The Taming of the Jungle."

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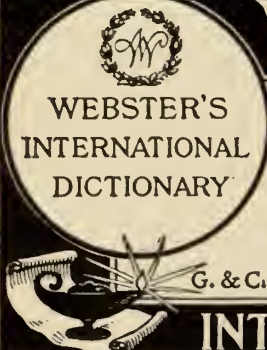
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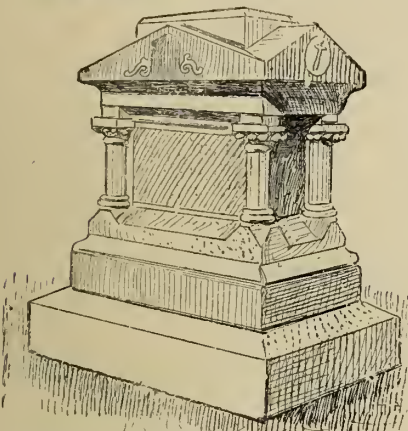
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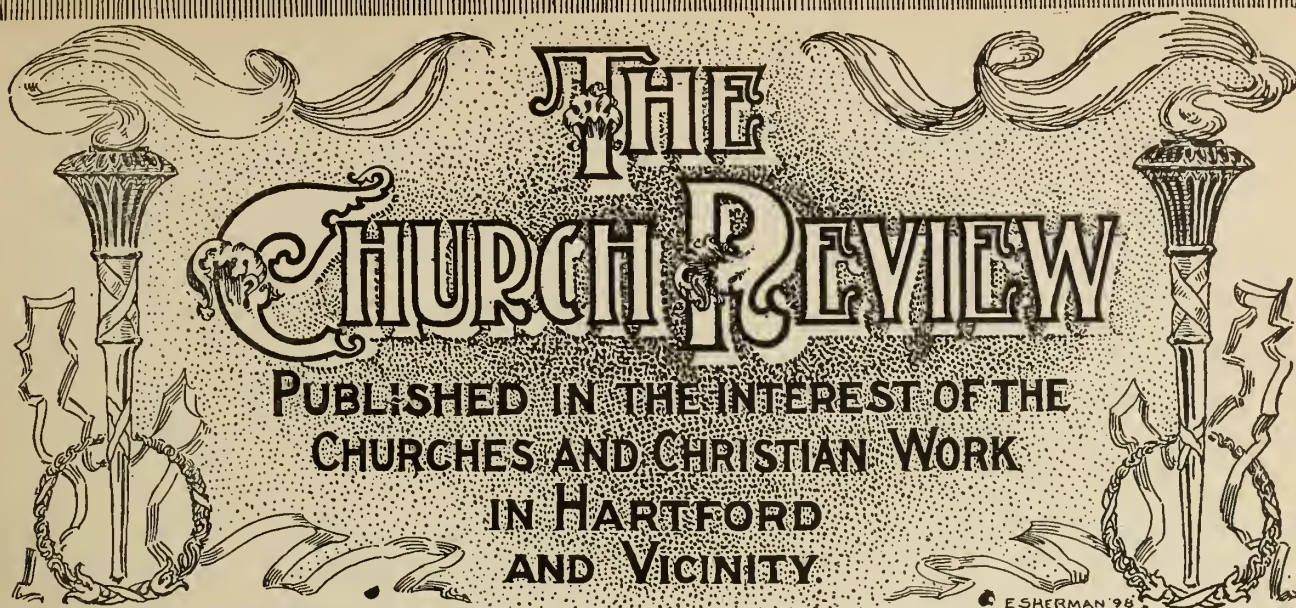
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Of letters and of tongues? Even as the
mists
Of the gray morn before the rising
sun,
That pass away and perish. Earthly
things
Are but the transient pageants of an
hour;
And earthly pride is like the passing
flower
That springs to fall; and blossoms but
to die.

—H. K. White.

But what is truth? 'Twas Pilate's
question, put
To Truth itself, that deigned him no
reply.
And wherefore? Will not God impart
his light
To them that ask it? Freely,—'tis his
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The church is awaking to this "Go" commission as never before. It has come to see not only the need of religion in the soul, but the need of religion in the s-o-l-e, a walking as well as a talking religion.

We also live in an age of specialists. The old-time physician was expected to know all about colds, croup, colic, cramps, catarrh, and consumption; but the doctor of the present day in many cases is a specialist; his special line may be throat, lung, or toe. So the call of the church today is for specialists, for men and women who are not simply religious and have a zeal for the work of the Lord, but those who have had special training along certain lines, that shall fit them for the fields to which they are to go.

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Some time since, wishing to show a visiting friend something of the work, we visited the institution.

We stepped into one of the recitation-rooms. There was a class in Old Testament history in session. A student at the blackboard was marking out a list of the kings of Israel and Judah. Rehoboam and Jeroboam had become mixed in his mind. Which should be crown king of Israel? The class were answering questions put by the professor, trying to get the Amalekites, the Hittites, the Jebusites, the Amorites, and the Canaanites fitted into their respective places. We left the

room thinking it no wonder the Israelites were puzzled as to what to do with the

"Kites,"
"Tites,"
"Sites,"
"Rites,"
"Nites."

As we passed down the hall, we glanced into one of the smaller classrooms, where to our astonishment we saw several young ladies, with sleeves rolled up, busily engaged in making what seemed at first sight to be mud cakes.

The teacher invited us to a closer inspection of the work. We were told that that beautiful cupcake of sand just deposited on a large board was Mt. Olivet, and that the small looking-glass being plastered down on the board was the lake of Galilee, and that the much-twisted penny-tin putty blower was nothing less than the river Jordan, and that these maidens had not returned to childwood play, making mud cakes, but mapping out in sand the land of Palestine, with which to teach the little ones in the Sabbath-school the situation of Jerusalem and Jericho, and of the rivers, lakes, and hills of the Holy Land. We realized as never before what a down-hill journey "the certain man" had who "went down from Jerusalem to Jericho."

Our next visit was to one of the classrooms where an instructor was lecturing on city-mission work.

The instructor had been for many years engaged in work among the masses, and was giving practical points and helpful hints from his own personal experience. The subject under consideration was "tenement-house visitation." The students were taking notes. We did the same, and submit the following, which are scattered fragments from the talk. They may be helpful to the reader.

"Here is your field of labor," said the instructor. "A tenement-house, five, six, or seven stories high, a double house, hall running through the centre, one or more families on each side on each floor. Many of these houses shelter two hundred or more persons.

"At the top of a large building where the rooms had not been divided we found four families living, separated by only a chalk-line. Father, mother, children and boarders were huddled together, each family, however, keeping on the right side of the line, cooking, eating, sleeping, but never trespassing on their neighbors' territory. The door of the tenement is always open; the stairs are always dark, and hard to climb. We will not stop to speak of the dirt, nor of the variety of smells; their name is Legion; you will become acquainted with them soon enough.

"How shall we reach these people? Some years ago we had an eccentric old preacher take a week's meeting at a mission. He sent the list of subjects he was to speak on: Monday night his subject was, 'How to reach the non-church-goer;' Tuesday night, 'How to

reach the drunkard;' Wednesday, 'How to reach the saloon-keeper;' Thursday, 'How to reach the moral man;' and so on through the week.

"Monday night he said the way to reach the non-church-goer was to reach him. Tuesday he said the way to reach the drunkard was to reach him. Wednesday he said the way to reach the saloon-keeper was to reach him, and so all through the week he told us that the way to reach these different classes of people was to reach them. We were convinced then and there that the way to reach the people was, as he said, simply to reach them.

"In order to reach people, we must be in touch with them. You cannot point people to the Lamb of God with a forty-foot pole. Long-distanced telephoning may do very well for commercial work, but very few people will be reached by long-distance gospel work.

"Christ reached the masses, because He had not far to reach. He was one with them, walked with them in the market, ate with them in their homes, was at their feasts, never at their funerals.—He broke up every funeral He had to do with. He took their children on His knees and blessed them. He was so one with the people that everywhere He went they followed, eager to hear His words and to see His works."

The instructor's remark on reaching the mother in the home were as follows:—

"Get at the mother through the children. Say, 'Is this your boy? What's his name?' If there is a girl present, say, 'Is your name Mary? Anne? Sophia? May? No? What is it, then?'

"Always carry some picture cards for

the children. Any kind will do; soap advertisements with pictures will not be out of place; they may take the hint and clean up. Say, 'Look at this picture. See the dog. What is the dog's name! Bow-wow! Bow-wow! that's what the dog says.'

"O, you say, that is not preaching the gospel. I know it; but it is preparing the ground; you must do that before you sow the seed.

"If there is a baby, get hold of that. The way to any mother's heart can generally be found through the baby. Play with it; call it names. We have a verse we always use; it never fails to open the mother's heart:—

'Tis-er-ry is-er-ry
Boo-zer-ry boo,
No baby so sweet.
So pretty as oo.'

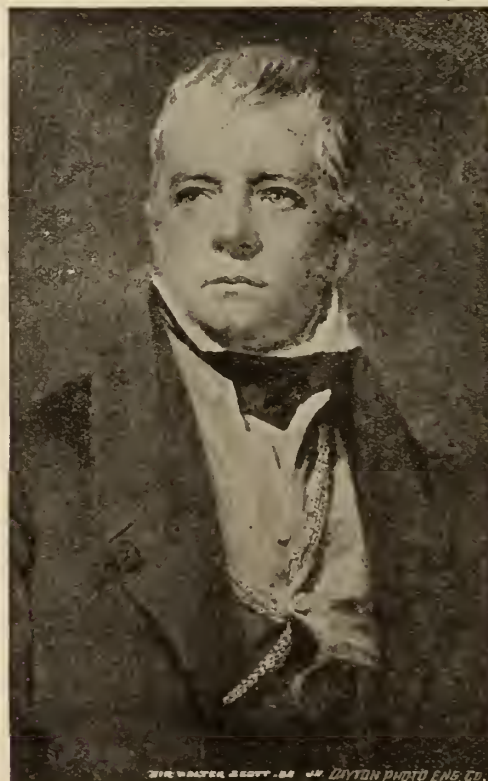
"After you have said that you can talk to the mother on the doctrine of election or anything else you choose; she is ready to listen. All this is like the soapstone the shoeman sprinkles in the shoe to make it go on easily. Now you can talk of the church and Sabbath-school for the children, and then present Christ for the life."

There was a clanging of bells, and their recitations finished, and hurried the students came from the classroom, to the gymnasium for a game of basketball.—The Christian Endeavor World.

ABBOTTSFORD.

The Home of Sir Walter Scott.

Along the border country of Scotland, three miles from Melrose, on the banks of the babbling Twedd, stands Abbotsford, the palatial home of Walter Scott. Writers frequently refer to



SIR WALTER SCOTT.

it as "a romance in stone," and such it is. It rests like a sparkling diamond in an emerald setting. For miles around are the green, rolling pasture lands, marked off by low "stone hedges," as they say in England, often partly hidden by flowering vines. Flocks of gentle sheep and herds of cows nibble the sweet grass and drink from the running streams. A slight knoll rising just north of the river serves as a back-ground to bring out the fine proportions of the artistic pile. As we approached Abbotsford we could well imagine that in all respects the surroundings would be to the liking of the freedom-loving, deep-souled, sturdy Scotch-man.

The home of "Sir Walter," as his countrymen always call him, was a Mecca where many of the nobles of the land thronged to share his royal hospitality. Walter Scott stood without a rival as the greatest writer of his day, till Byron began to rise as a star of portentous magnitude. Nevertheless, Scott always held undisputed sway as the one who had revolutionized the writing of history by the introduction of the imaginative and picturesque elements. He created the historical novel, and it is generally admitted that no one since the days of Shakespeare so vitalized character as he did. His earliest productions carried with them such an aroma of fresh creation that he soon became the literary idol of all British hearts. Added to his immense popularity as a writer was a natural endowment of social qualities of the highest order. He welcomed his guests with the cordiality of one who had no other occupation than that of a lordly host. The "pilgrims to his genius" reached even enormous numbers every summer, and he would not have it otherwise. He evinced an open wish, so peculiar to children, to have his friends "come often and stay



SCOTT'S PRIVATE STUDY AT ABBOTSFORD.

long." The appointments of his household were all on a generous plan. The house had been constructed according to plans of his own devising and under his immediate supervision. The interior decorations for the most part are exact reproductions of the choicest carvings found in Melrose Abbey. Then there are pieces of rare tapestry and ancient armor, valuable old pictures and cabinets, enough to supply the castle of any lord in the land. Scott's great desire was to found a family through whom would be perpetuated the themes and objects that had been the well-springs of his inspiration. While endeavoring to accomplish this cherished desire he became encumbered with an enormous debt, for the payment of which he worked so heroically, and yet failed piteously to ever meet it entirely. The notion prevailed generally that Scott was immensely wealthy, and so he rated himself when he found-

ed Abbotsford, and up to the terrible financial crash of 1826-27. He had gained his wealth mainly by speculation, his money being invested in the name of his partners in Edinburgh. By one fell stroke of fortune all was swept away, leaving him with personal liabilities to the extent of £150,000 (\$750,000). He was now well advanced in years, and his wife, to whom he was devoted, lay dying of a lingering illness. Summoning all his old-time vigor, he closed his beautiful home, took cramped quarters in Edinburgh, and set himself to the Herculean task of wiping out his debt by means of his pen, determined that, "God granting him time and health he would yet be free and owe no man a penny." His first great production was his history of Napoleon, in eight volumes, which, with his miscellaneous writings, yielded him at the end of two years £40,000 (\$200,000). Feeling now assured that he



ABBOTSFORD, THE HOME OF SIR WALTER SCOTT.

should be equal to his prodigious undertaking he took fresh courage and redoubled his efforts, but poor human nature rebelled. The cruel strain was more than the weary brain could endure. In 1830 he was stricken with paralysis, and though belated public aid made it possible to use every available means for his restoration to health, he died two years later in the home he had struggled so hard to retain, his "dear Abbottsford."

I stood in his study, in sympathetic love, looking at his great chair and desk, the rows of reference books, the piles of yellowed paper, and the blackened hearth, all now so lonely and forsaken, as though I were

"A clansman born,—

A kinsman true."

The pity of it is that noble genius, such as his, should have been paid as a price for gold!

SALISBURY, CONN.

Three miles west of Chapinville and in the center of the township of Salisbury, we find Salisbury village, a typical New England town, with a broad street, lined with shade trees running its entire length. In this historic old town there is a wealth of natural beauty, while the fact that the village is situated in the heart of the iron district, where, there has been mined for one hundred and fifty years the hematite ore, which produces the toughest iron in the country, adds much to the interest of the place.

Here the sojourner can find many social advantages. The town is most fortunate in possessing the beautiful Scoville Library, one of the finest buildings of its kind in the State. In the library, over the fireplace, is laid a stone taken from the Salisbury

has provided. The view from this mountain is unexcelled in New England.

From Salisbury radiate some of the finest drives in the State, over which many handsome turnouts carry gay parties who come to this town to take advantage of its many attractions. —"Summer Homes."

An illustration of the annoyances under which missionaries and the native Christians in Turkey suffer is seen in the fact that in one city a young student was arrested and the whole community was thrown into consternation because of a certain alleged treasonable utterance found in a letter addressed to the young man. It seems that the treasonable utterance was a suggestion to this student that when he came to join the theological class "he should bring with him a number of eggs." Just



NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY, SALISBURY.

From "Summer Homes." Published by C. N. E. Ry.

Everything in and about the place is perfectly preserved. The furnishings to the minutest detail are as they were when Scott left it, except that in the niche in the south wall of the great library, where used to stand a bust of Scott's "dear Shakespeare," now reposes a marble likeness of Sir Walter. The present owner of the estate is a great-granddaughter of Scott, a young Mrs. Maxwell, who resides chiefly in London and who shows some literary inclinations. She is a devout Romanist, and gives much of her time and talent for the furtherance of her chosen faith. She is the recipient of distinguished favors from the Queen, her royal highness remarking, as she kissed her publicly on one occasion, "This is all we have left of Sir Walter."

Cathedral, England, while from the granite tower a four dial clock tells the time of day. A large room in this building has been set apart for plays and social purposes. There are two churches, an Episcopal and Congregational.

In this town one may sleep in a homelike hotel with all modern improvements, and, after breakfast, a short journey will bring him to the same scenes of wild magnificence as if he were camping at the lakes. A short walk will bring the sojourner to the base of Bear mountain, the highest point of land in Connecticut. A climb up the steep side of this famous height is only the price of a good appetite, which may be satisfied by the generous lunch which the thoughtful landlady

what this casual remark meant, it might puzzle any one to know. But one thing was certain to the authorities, that it covered some dark plot against the peace of the state, and so not only the student but a score of other persons were arrested and some of them imprisoned. It is not easy to appreciate the strain under which men must live where the most innocent remarks are liable to such perversion.—Missionary Herald.

"Daughter, who is this Mr. Eugene Wadsworth Carrington that is calling on you so often?"

"Why, papa, he's the boy we used to call 'Buster' when he lived next door." —Arkansaw Traveler.

THE OPEN HEARTH.

The attendance at the Mission services thus far this season has been good, and the interest manifested has been gratifying. Many have expressed themselves as grateful for the good done them and have shown thus far their intention of leading better lives. The children's meeting held every Thursday evening have been larger than ever before and much good will it is hoped result from these gatherings. The children love to sing the hymns and are often heard singing them in their homes and in the Sand Yard which still continues to afford the children of the neighborhood enjoyment and their tired mothers release from their care. The swings are well patronized and all the children in the neighborhood love Sup't. Miller, while the youths and older ones recognize his earnest work for their welfare.

The Gospel Wagon still continues on its way and the meetings at Pope's Grove and City Hall Square are conducted under Mr. Miller's direction with the aid of those who are willing and able to assist in that work. Large head. "Do you like fruit?" I asked. numbers attend these services each Sunday and receive copies of the "Gospel Wagon News," edited by Sup't. Miller, and also hear the stirring addresses calling on them to lead better lives and give themselves to God.

WARBURTON CHAPEL.

Mr. S. P. Davis, the assistant superintendent, has had charge of the Sunday-school during July while the superintendent has been away for a vacation.

In June a sand yard and shed were arranged for the use of the children of the neighborhood and it has proved a very useful corner as a safe, clean and sheltered play ground.

A drinking fountain has also been provided in the Chapel yard which we hope will be of much service to adults as well as children. This fountain was presented to the chapel by the members of the choir, having been purchased by them from the proceeds of the entertainment given in June. One great need in our city is for public drinking fountains. If such are not supplied by the city would it not be a good work for each church to see that its own neighborhood is provided for?

A recent jury case in this city, in which one juror agreed to vote for conviction if a certain other juror would, recalls the story of two Dakota citizens at a revival meeting.

After an earnest exhortation by the speaker, one of the citizens remarked: "What d'ye say, Bill—see anythin' in it?"

"Well, I dunno," was the reply; "what do you think 'bout it?"

"I'll tell you what I'll do, Bill," said the first speaker, somewhat excited; "I'll confess religion, if you will." —Selected.



Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The Y. M. C. A. Wheel Clubs of New Haven, Meriden, Middletown and New Britain will unite in a joint run to the Hartford Association rooms Tuesday evening, August 22nd. Delegations will be sent out to meet the visitors and escort them to the rooms.

This is the third season of these inter-association meets and they have become very popular with the Y. M. C. A. wheelmen. The evening is pleasantly taken up with a short entertainment, refreshments, speeches and social intercourse.

On Tuesday evening, August 15th, the local club will go to White Oak Park, New Britain.

Tuesday evening, August 29th, it runs to lower Wethersfield, returning to Chutes Park.

Tuesday evening, Sept. 5th, to Warehouse Point.

On Tuesday evening, Sept. 19, a grand rally and banquet of the association wheel clubs will be held at Hanover Park, Meriden. It will be the last meet of the clubs this season and being within easy reach of all the wheel clubs, a large representation may be looked for.

The Junior Camp on Tuxis Island closed July 15th. It was a great success in every respect, the only criticism among the boys who went being that they could not stay long enough. We hope to make it an annual feature for the Juniors and give them a longer time to enjoy camp privileges next year.

Do not forget that Swimming is now being taught. Call at Physical Department office, if you want to know about instruction.

Hours for Instruction for Juniors:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9.45 a. m. to 10.45 a. m. Saturday, 2.30 p. m. to 3.30 p. m. (These hours are subject to slight change.)

At a later date Diving lessons will be given.

Hours for Instruction for Seniors are 4.45 p. m. to 5.45 p. m., each day but Saturday.

To those who are not association members instruction will be given at above hours for fifty cents per lesson. Tickets for same can be secured at Front Office. This will cover either Swimming or Diving.

Mr. Brown our Junior Department Secretary has returned from his vaca-

tion which was spent at his home in Leominster, Mass.

Mr. Work and family have returned from a pleasant vacation at Westbrook.

Mr. Conant returned on Tuesday morning, brown as a berry, and reports having spent a glorious time at Rockville camping on the shores of Snipsic Lake.

One of the visitors at the Working Men's Exchange asked if many calls were made to see the injured and I promised to write upon that work in the next issue. Looking over the memoranda I find about twenty who have met with an accident. To these, reading matter has been distributed. We had a little chat with these patients and if we find there is something we can do besides furnishing reading, we start and do it, and the look of gratitude that comes over the faces of these men makes us feel that the little we do for brother man brings back a vast amount of satisfaction. I called to see a boy who had been injured. He could not read. I asked him if there was anything he wanted. He shook his head. He nodded "yes." I left him to return in a short time with some fruit. Giving him the package, I said, "Tony, here is something you like." When he saw the contents he smiled and gave me his hand. We had both found a new friend. He told me that he had lost both Father and Mother. Now if we can imagine ourselves in that boy's position we can realize in a small way what benefit we can be to each other.

We are on the lookout for cases, but, nevertheless, we may not find all that are in the city, and if any one should know of a case where we would be of use kindly send word to the Workingmen's Exchange, Young Men's building, corner Jewell, Ford and Pearl Streets. We will gladly respond to the call.

JUNIOR PROHIBITION LEAGUE.

Our Annual Basket Picnic this year took the form of a Lawn Party at the home of the Misses Ladd, and occurred Saturday, July 2nd. In the afternoon the League enjoyed a walk to the glen and a glass of cool spring water. While returning from the Glen they stopped at an ice-cream parlor to refresh themselves. The picnic was appreciated by all who attended.

The election of officers took place Monday evening, July 17th, and the following were elected: President, Ray K. Lindsley; 1st vice-pres., Lucia C. Gillespie; 2nd vice-pres., Edward W. Hicks; recording sec'y, Edward E. Monk; financial sec'y, Clyde R. Smith; treas., Myrton T. Smith; League reporter, Belle Templeton.

The newly elected officers were installed Monday evening, July 31st, under the management of I. K. Smith of the Installation Committee.

Each of the officers spoke briefly telling the requirements of his office, how the League could help him, and suggesting new lines of work. During

the evening ice cream was served.

A debate has been arranged for Monday, Aug. 21st, subject, "Resolved: That it is for the Interests of Good Government that the Citizen should Vote with His Party in Municipal Elections." The debaters will be J. A. Decker, Jr., E. K. Smith, Miss Lucia Gillespie, Miss Inez J. Smith.

Rumor has it that we will have a "boating party" in the near future, and some are talking of a Labor Day trip to Mt. Tom.



ST. THOMAS CHURCH.

The rector being away on his vacation, Rev. Mr. Clark, who recently graduated from the Divinity School and is in Deacons orders, officiated very acceptably both morning and evening, Sunday, July 30th.

During August there will be services on Sunday mornings only; they will be conducted by Mr. Bryne, lay-reader, Trinity, 1900.

Mr. Warner is expected home from his western trip for the first Sunday in September.

FIRST BAPTIST.

Our former pastor, Rev. J. S. James, preached to us Sunday, August 7th. His sermon was a very helpful and refreshing one and afterward he was surrounded by his numerous friends in the congregation and made to fully realize his welcome among us.

Miss Cora B. Smith, our pastor's new assistant, has in a very short time impressed her value upon us. One of her innovations is the Vestibule meeting of our Young People's Association Sunday evening at 6.30. We hold this meeting in the vestibule of our church in plain view of the street. We try to leave the seats near the door to be filled by passers-by. We have had very pleasing success.

The First Baptist Monthly under its new management made its first appearance last Sunday. Some changes in its make-up are noticeable. It proves a very attractive number.

WETHERSFIELD METHODIST.

July 19th, the Sunday-school gave its annual picnic at Laurel Park. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by the school and many of its friends.

July 28th, the Epworth League gave a very successful Lawn Festival.

Quite a number from the church attended the camp-meeting at Plainville last week.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST.

Many of our number are away or have been away on their vacations. Our pastor's family is spending the summer at Indian Neck. Mr. H. H. Dickinson, superintendent of our Bible School, and family, have returned from Crescent Beach. Mr. N. P. Work and family have also returned from their vacation.

Through the month of August we have decided to combine the B. Y. P. U. meeting and evening preaching service. We hold the meetings at seven thirty. They are in charge of the B. Y. P. U. leaders and the pastor makes a short address at the close.

The president of our B. Y. P. U., Miss E. Maude Purinton, and Miss Mabel E. Tyler went as delegates to the Richmond Convention. They gave interesting accounts of the convention at the meeting on July thirtieth.

GLENWOOD CONGREGATIONAL.

The Sunday-school enjoyed its annual picnic at White Oak Grove, July 27th.

The Christian Endeavor Society discontinued its meetings for July and August as most of the members go on vacations.

The minister is taking charge of the mid-week prayer services at the Asylum Hill Congregational Church during the absence of Rev. Mr. Twitchell.

Mr. S. P. Phipps, our bass soloist, is spending two weeks with his family at Wakefield, Mass.

Mr. C. F. Schmelz, "Jack of All Trades," has accepted a position in New York City and will move his family there September 1st. We shall miss his genial company and wish him success in his new venture.

It is gratifying to see the large numbers that attend the evening services, Sundays. We hold services every Sunday evening the year round.

Mrs. Joel Sexton is quite sick at her home on Forest St.

Mr. Geo. H. Wilder leaves on the 12th for his annual vacation, this year going to Boston, his former home.

Miss Maud B. Wills, the organist, leaves on the 16th for her vacation, going to Bridgeport to visit relatives.

WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

Our Sabbath-school is anticipating a pleasant time on their annual picnic. We go on the steamer "Guide" down the river to Johnson's Grove, Tuesday, Aug. 8th. Our King's Daughter's Circle have decided not to meet again during the month of August.

SUFFIELD STREET BAPTIST.

Our Christian Endeavor Society held a Detroit Echo Rally at the Chapel Wednesday evening, July 26th. Miss Grace M. Barbour of Collinsville described the "Convention City." Miss Bertha Bancroft of New Britain told of the tent-meetings, Miss E. L. Smith of

the Windsor Ave. Congregational Church C. E. Society spoke of "The Incidents of the Convention;" Miss Lulu M. Wright of Elmwood spoke on "Evangelistic Services," while M. T. Smith of our own society told of the trip and the "Quiet Hour."

During the evening Mr. A. L. Ely of Plantsville sang. The Chapel was tastefully decorated by the committee, and the Hartford Banner, the beauty of which occasioned remarks by the Detroit Press, was near the platform.

The Sunday-school superintendent, Mr. H. M. Twiss, and his family, are spending two weeks at Westbrook.

The election of the Society officers will take place Friday evening, Aug. 13th.

We were glad to add six new members to the active membership of the society, and also to vote the substantial support our Sunday evening services have received during the summer months.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

At the regular morning service Sunday, August 6th, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed. Three persons united with the church by letter, one by profession of faith.

A good attendance was present notwithstanding the vacation season.

Our Pastor, Rev. W. W. Breckinridge, intends to be in the pulpit every Sunday during August, taking a vacation early in September.

Many of the congregation are seeking a change, either to the shore or to the mountains, during these days. We trust they may return, refreshed and fortified for the fall campaign.

The Sunday-school and congregation had a most enjoyable outing to Lake Compounce, by special car, July 7th.

The day was delightful, the place picturesque; result, everybody more than satisfied.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER.

No church services are being held during this month. Sunday-school and Young People's Guild meetings are also discontinued. There may be some delay in resuming them on account of building operations in front of the church edifice.

The Decennial Convention of the National Y. P. C. U. was held in Lynn, Mass., on July 12-15th.

The first National Convention of the Union was held in the same city and in the same beautiful church ten years ago, and the gathering this year was in the nature of a Jubilee. Seven members were in attendance from the local Guild, and over thirty from Connecticut.

Over 1500 people were registered from all over the country, and the greatest interest was manifested throughout the entire convention, and particularly pleasing was the devotional spirit which pervaded the atmosphere, and entered into the souls of every person present.

This same spirit was reported to have prevailed during the past year in the local unions.

The numerous excursions planned by the Lynn Unioners for the three days following the Convention, gave ample opportunity to visitors to see many beautiful spots with which Lynn is favored, and which abound in the neighborhood of Boston.

Lynn '99, was voted a grand success from every standpoint from which conventions may be judged.

SECOND ADVENT.

Our church is closed for Sunday services Aug. 6th and 13th, on account of the camp-meeting now in session at Springfield. The greater part of the people are attending that meeting.

Our Loyal Workers Society received two new members lately, also voted to send a small sum to help the church in Taunton, Mass., to complete their house of worship.

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL.

The last Sunday morning service for the season was held July 23d, upon which occasion Mr. Magee Pratt preached an excellent sermon.

On Monday, July 31, the funeral of Principal Joseph Graves was held in the church, and was largely attended ministrations, his genial companion-by mourning friends. The death of Mr. Graves is an irreparable loss to the South Church, for by his faithful ship, he had endeared himself alike to young and old. Not only was he a deacon, but he was ever ready to add his rich voice to the choir in times of special music. On the Sunday before his death he sang in place of Mr. Spencer, who was out of town. In the evening meetings he often played the accompaniment to the singing.

He was called upon from time to time to lead the meetings of the Young People's Society, and it will long be remembered how in various charming ways he has added to the pleasure of the social gatherings.

By one and all his ripe judgment and his delightful, helpful society will be sadly missed.

NORTH METHODIST.

The warm weather has visibly affected the attendance at church and Sunday-school.

Superintendent Howard A. Camp has returned from a two-weeks' outing in Hampton Hills, Miss Annie Cairus, and Miss Lizzie J. Cairus are away on their vacation among the Berkshire Hills. Miss Carrie Mae Donnell has returned from Lyme where she has been for three weeks.

The Pastor, Rev. Daun G. Griffin, is away for the month of August.

Miss Elsie Dresser, the organist, is away on her vacation down in Maine, accompanied by her sister, Gertrude M. Desser.

The young people held a delightful moonlight ride down to Middletown on

the boat and report such a grand time as to try another.

The meetings during August will be as usual except there will be no preaching service Sunday evening.

Captain John M. Parker has been re-elected second relay of the Camp Ground Association at Plainville, a position he has filled with honor for so many years.

WINDSOR CONGREGATIONAL.

Our Pastor, Rev. Roscoe Nelson, is spending his vacation in Maine. He will be absent four weeks. Prof. Beardslee of the Hartford Theological Seminary preached July 30th, Rev. Mr. Yale of Bath, Maine, occupied the pulpit Aug. 6th, and in the place of the Endeavor meeting in the evening gave an address, "A Young Man's Vision of Christ."

Rev. Mr. Shelton, of the Home Missionary Society preaches August 13th.

Miss Emma Morgan has gone to Germany to spend three or four months.

TRINITY CHURCH.

Our Rector and family are enjoying a vacation in Yonkers and elsewhere, during the month of August.

The Sunday-school sessions will be resumed Sept. 17th, when a new series of lessons will be introduced, and the classes re-arranged in grades, 'according to age as much as possible. The primary grade is to be conducted along kindergarten lines, and promises to be very successful. Many new teachers will be needed to assume charge of the new classes to be formed by the reduction of the numbers in the large classes, and an earnest appeal is made for such.

A new feature will be a Bible Class for Young Ladies, under the charge of an able teacher, while the Rev. Mr. Miel will continue to instruct his class for young men, which has proved very successful during the past two years.

The Sunday-school officials have been burning the "midnight oil" in figuring the results of the various competitions for prizes, and the results are very close in some cases, but will not be announced until the second session of the school, Sept. 24th.

ABOUT THREE GREAT CONVENTIONS.

Five thousand delegates registered at the Baptist Young People's convention at Richmond, Va.

Next year the B. Y. P. U. convention goes to Cincinnati, Ohio.

In the Baptist Young People's reading course 15,200 examination papers were filled out for last year.

The Baptist Young People's Union paid nearly \$5,000 on its debt during the year.

The most gratifying feature of the Baptist Young People's work during the year was the rapid development of the Junior work.

The Epworth League convention of 1901 goes to San Francisco.

Secretary Baer announced that the attendance at the Detroit convention was 28,000.

Secretary Schell of the Epworth League reports 26,450 chapters and over 1,750,000 members.

The "Epworth English Bible Course" has not been very prosperous.

Secretary Schell recommends a Junior League secretary and the organization of Intermediate Epworth Leagues.

Twenty thousand was the attendance at the Epworth League convention.

The official enrollment of Christian Endeavor societies is 55,813, with a total membership of 3,350,000.

ENDEAVOR RALLY.

Reminiscences of the Detroit Convention Told by Participants.

An echo rally of the Detroit Christian Endeavorers' Convention of '99 was held at the Suffield Street Baptist Chapel July 26th, a large audience being present. The program consisted of events of the trip and convention, told by different members who were there, and interspersed with Scripture readings and singing. Myrton T. Smith, president of the Suffield Street Baptist Society, presided. Rev. W. J. Noble read the Scriptures and offered prayer, after which Mr. Smith told, in an interesting manner, the various incidents of the 2,000 miles trip to Detroit. A. L. Ely of Plantsville sang "Saved by Grace," one of the songs he sang on the trip which was much applauded. Miss Grace M. Barbour of Collinsville, spoke of "Detroit a Convention City" and gave that city much praise. She said that the whole city turned out to welcome the Endeavorers and the hospitality of the residents was of the highest order.

Miss Bertha L. Bancroft of New Britain then told of the tent-meeting. She said there were two large tents where the meetings were held which had a seating capacity of 10,000 people. The tents were always filled and there were 3,000 or 4,000 people on the outside. The meetings were very inspiring.

Miss E. L. Smith of the Windsor Avenue Congregational church gave a short talk on "Incidents of the Convention." She said that there were about 3,350,000 Christian Endeavorers in the world, and the latest additions are those from Russia, the country which held out the longest. About \$5,000,000 was received by the society in gifts during the year. It was the eighteenth annual convention of the Christian Endeavorers, and there were about 28,000 present at Detroit.

Miss Lulu M. Wright of Elmwood spoke on the "Evangelistic Services." She gave an account of the meetings held in different places, and the program was ended by Mr. Smith, who spoke on "The Quiet Hour."

The happiness of love is in action: its test is what one is willing to do for others.—Ben Hur.

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• Editorial. •

UNBELIEF.

There has lately passed away a man who was chiefly distinguished as an apostle of unbelief.

Many of the newspapers of the country, and not the secular press alone, have abounded more or less with anecdotes of the good points of his character and his good deeds. They may all be true, and it is to be hoped that he has some virtues to plead, for with all his eloquence he can make but a poor case when he stands before the Judge of all the earth, for he stands accused of an awful crime, and all the evidence is against him. We can pity him, but as Christians we can offer no sympathy.

For he has stood ever against our Lord and mocked the crown of thorns, the cross, the resurrection and the promised life to come, the things which we hold dearest. Over and over has he railed against an "orthodox God," our God. The promises of God he has declared of none effect, and has been applauded. The hope in Christ, which men have held for nineteen hundred years, he has pronounced a myth and a delusion, and he has so convinced others. All religion to him was superstition, more or less gross, and beyond the grave there was nothing to hope for.

Some good points as a man he must have had, or he would not have been so mourned by those of his own family, but when we read of the absolute hopelessness of their grief, no further comment is necessary.

If it were merely a matter of per-

sonal unbelief with him, we could spare him some sympathy, for faith often waves with all of us; but not only did he disbelieve himself, but he went about seeking to destroy the faith of every other man, a veritable apostle of unbelief.

After robbing a man of his faith, what did he offer in its place? A mess of pottage? No, absolutely nothing. While others sought to build, he only endeavored to tear down. While others were offering to men the bread of life, he offered a stone, and many a misled one chose his hard fare, to their souls eternal starvation.

He has gone from this earth leaving it the worse for his coming. His work, like the work of all of us, lives after him. Let the God whom he so presumptuously and continually affronted, judge him. Let us learn what we can from his life.

Unbelief feeds on itself. If we set our hearts against believing this thing, we cannot consistently accept that. One by one the strands of faith will part, until there is nothing to hold us to our God. When faith goes, hope goes, and what is left worth living for? And what is left to die with, to lead us to our God, and to eternal happiness?

Rather let us nurture our faith until we can believe absolutely that all things are possible with God. Absolute faith is difficult to acquire, especially when it does not appeal either to our reason or our senses, but both reason and our senses often prove defective, while God's promises are absolutely sure.

DR. SAMSON.

Rarely in these days of intense activity along all lines of life is the power of a consecrated Christian character so conspicuously manifested as it has been in the brief pastorate of Dr. Samson in the First Church of Christ in Hartford, whom, today, the church in Hartford, without regard to denomination, and the community at large, mourn as their minister.

His service in Hartford more nearly exemplified, under the conditions of modern life, the office of the minister of early New England history than that usually exercised by the city Pastor; indeed, in the exercise of it such heavy drains were made upon his splendid vital force that he is cut down in the midst of what seemed to us the most useful period of his life.

With sympathies and powers which led him step by step to the direction of world-wide missionary endeavor he chose in his life-work to remain a pastor and teacher, giving the best energies of his life to the service of four churches upon whose constituency he retained his loving hold to the end of his life.

Remarkable as he was for his public service and wide-reaching sympathies and influence, his best record has been made upon individual hearts and lives which he has touched and blessed.

Busy with the affairs of the Ameri-

can Board, and the many demands made upon his time and strength at the commencement season of the year, he yet found time in the midst of it all, before leaving home for this summer's rest, to visit every one of the "shut-ins" of his congregation, leaving his word of comfort and cheer which now seems to them like a benediction, and this is only one item among his many ministries to the people of his charge.

His faithfulness to duty in the appointed services of the church, in the midst of his many calls in other directions, was but a part of the man and made the Thursday evening service as well as the Sunday worship an inspiration to all who came under the influence of it.

His hold upon the community may doubtless be characterized by an incident in which the writer participated.

Standing on the street on the day after the sad intelligence of Dr. Samson's death reached the city, he was accosted by a man of Unitarian faith who said with tears flowing unchecked, "He was your minister but he was ours also." And as he spoke he reached out his hand and grasped that of another member of a fraternal order as he passed, a Roman Catholic, saying as he drew him into the group, "You knew him and loved him too." "Yes," said the man, "I shall never forget the last prayer I heard him offer. God rest his soul. He helped me."

Later in the day a child, who knew and loved him, said as his elders grieved at the sad event, "Well, mamma, we know where he has gone." Not least of his noble qualities as a Christian minister was his estimate of childhood and his attention to the children who came under his influence. His comradeship with the young people of his congregation will be to them a fragrant and inspiring memory.

No brief review can instance all the rare qualities of this many-sided Christian man whose most notable grace was his humility in service.

Who among those in the great congregation, gathered at the funeral service in the First Church on Thursday, did not thank Dr. Smith in their hearts for his choice of the 1st Psalm as the opening scripture lesson, whose living example had been the beloved minister in whose honor they had assembled for the last sad rites?

He has helped us.

S. P. D.

August 10, 1899.

FINDINGS OF "THE COMMITTEE OF FIFTY."

"The Committee of Fifty," which is scientifically studying different phases of the liquor traffic, has recently issued a valuable report on the social and economic side of the liquor business. Here are some of its findings:

Twenty-five per cent. of those applying for charitable relief in cities have been reduced to pauperism by the use of liquor.

Thirty-seven per cent. of the inmates

of almshouses are there through the use of liquor.

Six per cent. of all male paupers in almshouses owe their condition to the intemperance of others.

Thirteen per cent. of all female paupers are in almshouses for the same reason.

Go to the prisons and reformatories. At least fifty per cent. of the convicts are in these institutions on account of drink. What are the conclusions:

1. The poverty of one-half of our American paupers is directly caused by drink.

2. At least one-half of our criminals are the products of the drink institution.

This drink committee discovered that two potent agencies for reducing the number of drinking men are:

1. Labor unions. In some unions a man who drinks is excluded from the benefits to which he would be entitled in case of sickness, accident, or non-employment; other unions fine men who are found intoxicated.

2. The increasing number of employers who discriminate against drinking men.

Of 7,000 firms employing laborers, 5,400 report that they investigate the drinking habits of their employees. So much of the world's work is done by machinery, and a clear head, a steady hand, and a sober life are needed by the men who run the machines.

These influences keep many from the drink, but they help to drive out those whom the saloon has already debauched. What shall be done for these?

Let us turn in and drive out the saloon. Young voters, say you'll do it.

Our correspondent at Warburton Chapel makes a good suggestion this month regarding drinking fountains. They are few and far between in this city—about one to each hundred saloons. Here's a chance for some good practical temperance work on the part of our young people's societies. Not a very expensive undertaking either.

"Mood gorning, mentlegen!" politely, but peculiarly, saluted a pale, worried-looking young man, who was passing the tavern at Pettyville. "Dice nay."

"Good gracious!" ejaculated a recently arrived guest, who was standing on the porch with the landlord. "What is the matter with that gentleman, to cause him to talk in such a strange manner?"

"That's the new minister," replied the landlord. "Last night he officiated at his first wedding, the marriage of Miss Hitchcraft and Mr. Hotchkiss, and bein' considerably nervous and agitated, he got so badly tangled in tryin' to repeat the names of the bride and groom that at the conclusion of the ceremony he stammered out an inquiry if cussing was kistomary, and then tried to cover his confusion by announcin' that the usual collection would be taken up. His tongue and

nerves 'pear to be still twisted this mornin,' but I s'pose he'll get over it after a while."—Judge.

TEMPERANCE NOTES.

In a speech before the English Army Temperance Association, Lord Wolsely said: "There are yet some battles to be fought, great enemies to be encountered by the United Kingdom, but the most pressing enemy at present is drink. It kills more than all our newest weapons of warfare, and not only destroys the body, but the mind and soul also."

The "Brewers' Journal" for June alludes to returning business prosperity, but adds:

"It is a notable fact, however, that although conditions generally are favorable to the prosperity of the brewing trade, it is not sharing to its usual extent the good fortune of other industries; for the first time in its history, it has failed to respond with its customary buoyancy to the general upward movement."

This is encouraging to those who are seeking to teach the people that they are better off in every way without beer or any other alcoholic beverages. During the hard times many tried doing without and learned by experience that it pays. So they do not begin again.

Another popular delusion is shattered. Prof. Leonard Stejneger, a United States government expert, says that whiskey, instead of being an antidote for snake bites, according to the general belief, is really an aggravation of the trouble, as it accelerates the circulation of the blood and hurries the poison through the veins and arteries with greater rapidity than it would otherwise have.—Chicago Tribune.

A brakeman employed on one of the divisions of the Consolidated Road, which was formerly a part of the old New England Railroad system, went into a saloon near the freight yard in Hartford to get a drink while his train was being made up. On coming out of the saloon he was accosted by one of the station officials, who requested him to step over to his office. On arriving there the brakeman was immediately paid off and discharged, with the information that he was forever barred from being employed by the company in any capacity whatsoever, for breaking the rule that forbids the use of intoxicating liquors at all while on duty, and the excessive use of them while off duty.—Hartford Cor. New Haven Register.

Isn't it about time that rough, or "deckle" edged books went out of fashion? It was a very interesting fad at first—those ragged edges. "The Chap Book," "The Biblelot," and other biblelots were responsible for it. People liked the novelty at first, then they became used to it, and now they have become tired of it.

THE STANDARD BUSINESS COLLEGE.

The leading college for business training in Connecticut is HUNTSINGER'S of Hartford. It has been the leader for eight years. It has the best methods, does the best work, and is permeated with the best possible principles of earnestness, enthusiasm, honesty and the newest methods. Everywhere systematic, intelligent work takes the place of the usual slipshod work done in the ordinary business colleges.

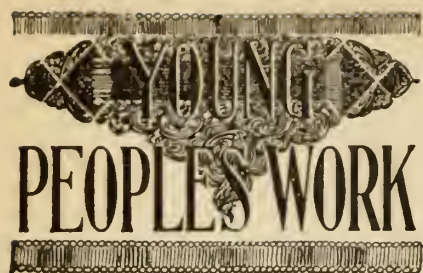
Mr. Huntsinger's experience of 25 years is valuable to any young man or young woman who contemplates taking a business or shorthand course. Mr. Huntsinger is not himself unless progressive, and he is the exponent of the best methods on business training in this State, having trained nearly 5,000 young people during the last eleven years' experience in Hartford, but his teaching experience extends over a period of 25 years. He is the pioneer of introducing ACTUAL BUSINESS PRACTICE FROM THE START. Nearly all smaller business colleges have imitated his system. One of the strongest facts of the popularity of this institution is the wonderful success of the graduates in business. Office men prefer the Huntsinger graduate to all others, because a Huntsinger graduate is armed at all points, and knows what to do upon entering upon office duties.

Huntsinger Business College

The past 29 months Mr. Huntsinger has placed 385 graduates in situations, which is a larger number than all the other business colleges of Connecticut together have placed. At this institution every transaction actually precedes the entry in the books, every business paper that naturally would pass between the contracting parties being made out the same as in business.

One of the strongest evidences of the superiority of this school is the fact that its attendance is from two to three times as large as that of any other business college of this State. Mr. Huntsinger is exceptionally well qualified to conduct such an institution, being a thorough master of every subject taught in his school, and daily assists in teaching. He wields a powerful influence upon the pupils in the institution, which goes with them through life.

One entire floor full of rolltop office desks for the pupil's use. Glass partitions substituted for solid ones, new paint, new kalsomine, a thorough renovation in every respect. Free textbooks. The passenger elevator is now running. If interested in business education, it will pay you to call to see the College.—Adv.



Rev. Dr. Francis E. Clark, president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, writing to "The Church Economist," says: "I have never known a pastor who was in entire sympathy and accord with young people's organizations who did not get far more out of his pastorate in what we call success than one could who was not in such sympathy and accord. During the twenty years the young people's organizations have existed the increase in membership of the churches has been such as to fully warrant the existing of those organizations. Young people's organizations have been the means of growing loyalty of church and pastor. So far from young people's organizations having seen their best days, the movement passing away as some have declared, young people are more responsive to the appeals for work than ever before. They are more ready than pastors are to employ them. I believe the trouble with young people's organizations in many churches, the reason they fail to accomplish much, lies with the pastor. The pastor lacks ingenuity to invent plans. You can get more young people to attend a religious gathering than you can to attend a boat race or a golf game. Some people are pessimistic, and declare young men run to bicycles and young women to theatres. In New York there are five hundred churches having young people's organizations in them. The aggregate attendance of young people at these churches is ten times as great as it is at all of the theatres."

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR PRAYER MEETING TOPICS.

[From the Presbyterian C. E. Manual.]

August 13.—A service of promises.—John 14: 1-14.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

The promises are proved only by practice.

God's word is a firmer foundation than earth or sea, for they are only fruits of his word.

All promises are not to all people.

Peaceful rests the head that is pillowed on a promise.

Every promise has the additional message that God loves us.

The Master's mind is revealed by his messages.

Promises tested make faith.

God has a fresh promise for every fresh experience.

If we tested God more we would trust him more.

Our problems would be less dark if

we should turn the light of God's word upon them.

The smallest promise is infinite wisdom, infinite strength, and infinite love.

Herein we glorify: The promises are God's promises and they are for us.

August 20.—The leaven and the meal.—Matt. 13: 33; Dan. 2: 31-35, 45.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

Wars and national disturbances are only the working of the leaven of God.

The world will be leavened by the leavening of lives.

The conquests of Caesar, Alexander and Napoleon are as nothing beside the missionary conquest. The leaven of the gospel has worked widely.

The meal is not bread without the leaven, and the world will be imperfect until it is all alive with the gospel of Jesus.

The feast of the nations is the Bread of Life.

Sin is doomed; salvation is sure—these are the watchwords of faith-filled missionaries.

The idols of earth are falling at the approach of the Lord.

Because God's word is true the conquest of the world is sure.

Every cause that is for the glory of God and the good of man is a missionary cause.

The leaven of the gospel must be applied to the word through Christian lives.

August 27.—Green pastures: the Christian's pleasures.—Psa. 23: 1-6.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

God puts the green pastures of peace for his sheep into the world's roughest places.

Wherever the Good Shepherd is, there green pastures may be found.

There are no weeds in God's green pastures.

Every Sabbath is a bit of green pasture.

He who feeds on God's word partakes of the green pastures.

Not single sheep, but flocks, feed in the green pastures. Fellowship is always there.

Anywhere that the Shepherd leads us may be a green pasture.

The refreshment of Christian friendship is a green pasture.

We never wander into green pastures; the Shepherd always leads us there.

We may feed without fear in the green pastures, for the Shepherd is on guard.

No pleasure that we would not have God see can be part of his green pastures.

The world has no green pastures; only wolves.

September 3.—Holding up the pastor's hands. What can we do to help our pastor?—Ex. 17: 1-13.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

The pastor cannot use the barbs of criticism as gospel arrows.

We work best for Christ when we work with the pastor.

A praying people insure a prevailing church.

Some Christians expect the pastor to carry them, instead of holding up his hands.

When we help the pastor we share in the rewards of his labors.

Words of praise may upstay weary hands.

The church's work is not the pastor's work, but God's work, and he means us all to be co-laborers.

We stand under the pastor's hands when we stand at our post of duty in the church.

Strong lives in the church are strength to the pastor.

Our prayers for the pastor help answer his prayers.

Loyalty to the undershepherd is obedience to the great Shepherd.

TEMPORARY COMMITTEES.

The tendency of our societies is to trust too much to the regular committees, expecting them to cover the ground. Many things are likely to fail of being done, simply because they do not come under the duties of one of the regular committees. It should be the frequent custom of our societies, therefore, to appoint temporary committees, serving for special purposes and ceasing from office when those duties are performed. Here are some temporary committees that are likely to be useful in most societies:

A committee to get names for the Quiet Hour and the Tenth Legion.

A committee to canvass for denominational and Christian Endeavor papers.

A committee to obtain new ideas for the work of the society.

A committee to lead a certain meeting.

A committee to usher the members out of the back seats and into the front ones for a month.

A committee to help the Lookout Committee canvass the entire congregation for new members for the society.

A committee to prepare a list of the best books recently added to the public library—the books most helpful to the spiritual life.

A committee to beautify the grounds around the church.

A committee to propose some plan of Bible reading for the entire society.

A committee to praise beginners when they have done their best.—Daily Companion.

The Mission Boards of the Methodist Episcopal church are entirely out of debt.

For the first time in a generation all the Boards of the Presbyterian church are out of debt.

The Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the International Missionary Union, held at Clifton Springs, June 14-20, was regarded by those who have been longest in attendance as the best in its history. There were present 133 missionaries, representing nineteen countries and thirteen societies.



THE MORSE COLLEGE.

Junction Asylum, High and Ford Streets.

SUPERIOR FACULTIES OF THE MORSE BUSINESS COLLEGE.

Not until the present year, since purchasing the old Bryant & Stratton College, located since 1860 on Asylum St., has Mr. Morse, the present enthusiastic principle, taken a vacation. Ever since the institution was purchased by him, he has unceasingly thrown all his energy and ambition into equipping it in the best manner, securing teachers whom he thought would produce the most practical results, and endeavoring in every way to make it a modern institution. That he has surely done this would convince any one who would take the pains to walk through the various departments of the Morse Business College and inspect the different systems and methods in use. Indeed, it would be hard for a visitor to Hartford to spend a more interesting hour than in looking through this modern business training school.

In the Shorthand Department, large oak tables with separate places for each pupil's stenographic equipment have been furnished; the latest Century and Standard Dictionaries, a new text book gotten up from twelve years experience in teaching and reporting with the Pitman System, the Edison Mimeograph; and in the Typewriting Department, a large number of comparatively new typewriters of the five one-hundred-dollar make, now in the Typewriter Trust; not one of them more than two years old, and all of them purchased new at the institution to begin with.

Passing into the Business Department, there first meets our view the office of Importing and Wholesaling; here correspondence is carried on by advanced pupils in close relation with students both of this and other countries; negotiations having been made with not only the United States and Canada, but England, France, Germany and Japan. A very latest equipment is found also in this office in the shape of letter presses, filing cabinets, card indexing systems, a large and ex-

pensive set of books, to say nothing of the immense amount of business forms, stationery, and various kinds of printed matter to facilitate the work of the student in this branch of trade.

Passing from the Wholesaling Office into the Business Department, on the wall to our left is a large board containing the prices current of the various commodities used by the students of this and other colleges in the different sections of this and other countries where they are produced. Then looking away across the large room, a striking picture meets us of a regular sea of oak roll-top desks, one for every pupil in the Business Practice Department. At the further end of the room there is a beautiful red wood bank, with all the forms and labor saving devices of a regular banking institution. A little farther away from us is the Commercial Exchange, Commission, the Retailing Offices, Transportation, and lastly a large office of Insurance, where is illustrated on elegantly lithographed forms policies and stock certificates, the real estate practice of the Insurance feature. This office is the home of a large number of agencies located in the different colleges of this country.



PROF. R. H. MORSE.

The practice, like all the work from the beginning of a student's entrance in the Commercial Department of The Morse Business College, is as accurate, lifelike and interesting as it could be if real dollars and cents were taken into consideration, instead of the college currency, checks, notes, drafts and other negotiable paper, used in it to represent value.

Not the least of this excellent equipment is a large new electric program clock, gotten up especially for this institution to call the various periods during the day, the typewriting hours, and to ring gongs by electricity at the proper time for the opening and closing of sessions.

The Commercial Law room is arranged in a most convenient form with the new Yale Tablet seat for the taking of dictation, or the placing of student's law books while listening to the lectures of the regular teacher of this department. What also constitutes a big portion of the outlay on the part of Mr. Morse, is the excellent faculty of assistants, who give the pupils the very best of individual instruction that could be asked for under the name of a business college.

We have taken the pains to give a little description of our walk through this school from the fact that many people are interested in planning education at this time of the year. Although Mr. Morse's love of his work is being greatly rewarded, still, we believe that before enrolling at any business college this one should be examined or a catalogue obtained. The fall term opens Monday, Sept. 4th.

Correspondence with or a call upon Principal Morse at 370 Asylum St., Hartford, Conn., will receive his personal attention, or he can be reached by telephone. Circulars can be obtained for the asking. It is with pleasure we recommend this institution to our readers.

"Going to the donkey party tonight?"

"No."

"Well, then, they'll have to postpone the party."—Puck.

"Didn't your absconding cashier leave you any message?"

"Yes; he left a line in the cash box transferring to me his paid-up membership in a Don't Worry Club."—Chicago Record.

"The Prince of Wales tells me he will never again visit the United States," sighed Mr. Tody.

"Is that so?" queried the imperialist. "Well, I don't see how he is going to keep out of it if we go on spreading."—Life.

"Well, well," said the absent-minded professor in the bath-tub, "now I've forgotten what I got in here for!"—Fliegende Blätter.

Brown—But why do you stop so often? Can't you keep up with me?

Typewriter (who is rather shaky in her orthography)—Oh, yes; but your language is so eloquent that I frequently find myself spellbound.—Selected.

Papa—See the spider, my boy, spinning his web. Is it not wonderful? Do you reflect, try as he may, no man could spin that web?

Johnny—What of it? See me spin this top! Do you reflect that, try as he may, no spider could spin this top?

Mrs. Hendricks—See here, Dinah, I gave you four flannel undershirts in the wash this week and you have only brought back three. How is that?

Dinah—Deed, I dunno, ma'am 'less'n dey shrinked. Flannel does shrink some thin' awful, ma'am.—Brooklyn Life.



Conducted by Mr. George Whipple Steele.
Questions on musical subjects of general interest will be answered in this department.

ELEMENTS OF MUSIC.

The term "Elements of Music" is more or less comprehensive in its meaning. However, as it is used by musicians it includes a fairly well defined range of subjects, all of which are of practical importance and are needed before one enters upon the study of Harmony. Brestenshaw includes under this heading: Notes, Clefs, Leger Lines, the Great Stave, Origin of forms of Clefs, use of Clefs, Octaves, shape and length of Notes, rests, accent and time, time signatures, accents, beating of time, triplets, syncopation, semitones, sharps, flats, naturals, major scale, minor scale, keys, acoustics, diatonic and chromatic semi-tones, chromatic scale, intervals, chromatic intervals, inversion of intervals, transposition, dots, abbreviations, etc., grace notes and musical terms.

Other authors vary the above somewhat. In the examinations, required by different schools in England, a ready knowledge of the above points must be had, in order to pass with credit and before taking up the study of Harmony.

Frequent examinations, both oral and written, should accompany this study.

Pupils should begin to write at once, and keep at it, as the technic of writing music must become almost automatic in order to gain ease in composition.

GOTTSCALK.

Berlioz says of Gottschalk, the great pianist, "Gottschalk is one of the very small number who possess all the different elements of a consummate pianist—all the faculties which surround him with an irresistible prestige and give him a sovereign power." He is an accomplished musician—he knows just how far fancy may be indulged in expression.

He knows the limits beyond which any liberties taken with the rhythm produce only confusion and discord, and upon these limits he never encroaches. There is an exquisite grace in his manner of phrasing sweet melodies and throwing off light touches from the higher keys. The boldness and brilliancy and originality of his play at once dazzle and astonish, and

the infantile naivete of his smiling caprices, the charming simplicity with which he renders simple things, seem to belong to another individuality distinct from that which marks his thundering energy. Thus the success of M. Gottschalk before an audience of musical cultivation is immense."

WHEN BEECHER SUCCESSFULLY SILENCED INGERSOLL.

The import of Mr. Ingersoll's teachings is well expressed in the famous incident of the meeting of Beecher and Ingersoll.

One day a company of famous persons included Mr. Beecher and Mr. Ingersoll. A variety of topics were discussed with brilliancy, but no illusion was made to religion. Finally some one, desiring to see a tilt, made a playful remark about Colonel Ingersoll's idiosyncrasy, as he called it. Mr. Ingersoll at once began to defend his views, growing eloquent as he spoke. Contrary to the expectations of all Mr. Beecher listened attentively but said not a word. At length one of the gentlemen said:

"Mr. Beecher, have you nothing to say on this question?"

The old man slowly lifted himself from his attitude and replied:

"Nothing; in fact, if you will excuse me for changing the conversion, I will say that while you gentlemen were talking my mind was bent on a most deplorable spectacle which I witnessed today."

"What was it?" at once inquired Colonel Ingersoll.

"Why," said Mr. Beecher, "as I was walking down town today I saw a poor, lame man with crutches slowly and carefully picking his way through a cesspool of mud in the endeavor to cross the street. He had just reached the middle of the fifth when a big, burly ruffian, himself all bespattered, rushed up to him, jerked the crutches from under the unfortunate man, and left him sprawling and helpless in the pool of liquid dirt, which almost engulfed him."

"What a brute he was!" said the Colonel.

"What a brute he was!" they all echoed.

"Yes," said the old man, rising from his chair and brushing his long, white hair, while his eyes glittered with their old-time fire as he bent them on Ingersoll—"yes, Colonel Ingersoll, and you are the man. The human soul is lame, but Christianity gives it crutches to enable it to pass the highway of life. It is your teachings that knock these crutches from under it and leaves it a helpless and rudderless wreck in the slough of despond. If robbing the human soul of its only support on this earth—religion—be your profession, why, ply it to your heart's content. It requires an architect to erect a building; an incendiary may reduce it to ashes."

"The old man sat down," says the Christian Intelligencer, which reports this conversation, "and silence brooded

over the scene. Colonel Ingersoll found that he had a master in his own power of illustration, and said nothing. The company took their hats and parted."

Mark Twain and his friend, the Rev. Joseph H. Twitchell, once planned a bicycle ride from Hartford, Ct., (their home) to Boston, and wrote beforehand to an acquaintance in the latter city, telling him their line of route and what time he might expect to see them arrive. The appointed day was an ideal one for a long run, and the two friends started quite early in the morning. But neither of them was accustomed to long rides, so after twelve or fifteen miles had been ridden, it became apparent that each of the riders was waiting for the other to say something. Finally Twain said as they came in sight of the railway station in a small town they had entered: "Let's take the train the rest of the way."

Of course Mr. Twitchell agreed, and so the acquaintance in Boston was surprised by seeing the two friends walk up to his door about 1 o'clock in the afternoon. He greeted them warmly, and addressing Mr. Twitchell, said: "Well, you made pretty good time, didn't you?"

"Oh, fairly good time for novices," was the reply.

"What time did you leave Hartford?" he asked of Mr. Clemens.

"About 7 a. m."

"What, you don't mean to say that you have ridden all the way from Hartford to Boston on your bicycles!"

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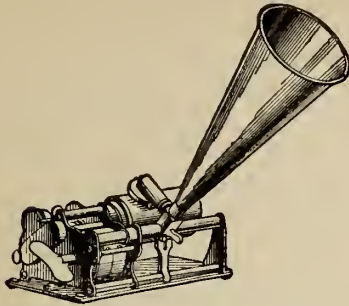
I have always been of the opinion that owing to his keen sense the bear is our first game animal, and should be carefully protected by law. His depredations on live stock are not worth taking into account, and I am quite ready to agree with an old trapper who was sleeping soundly in his cabin one day when an Eastern man in search of hairbreadth stories of adventure, knocked at his door. The door was opened by the trapper's partner to whom the visitor made known his errand.

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SUMMER COMFORT AND HEALTH.

It would almost seem as though the average man tries to see how much clothing he can wear and not drop dead with sunstroke in hot weather, says Dr. Chas. E. Page. He still has on his winter under flannels, not daring to change scarcely in the season for fear of "catching cold" in case the wind should shift to the east and make him comfortably cool; his regulation suit on, and on this lovely May morning, with the temperature at 80 in the shade, he takes his overcoat along on his arm, if indeed, he does not wear it as the "easiest way of carrying it." And all this when he would be delightfully comfortable naked in the shade, or under an umbrella in the sun.

Kicking in the heat in two or three suits of clothes, when even one is, so far as comfort and health are concerned, superfluous, seems to me little short of silliness. The fact that the skin is a breathing organ, that the millions of little capillary blood vessels exhale carbonic acid and absorb oxygen, just as do the blood vessels of the inner lungs, and that this vitally important work of purification is hindered by clothing, every extra layer of which adds to the mischief, is not at all realized by the masses, and is fully comprehended by very few individuals.

The naked roses never have colds, catarrh, bronchial, or any sort of pulmonary disorders, until they become so hedged in by civilization that they are compelled to change their mode of dress; then, as we know, they die off like sheep with the footrot, and always with the diseases above named. The gospel of health, for warm weather, is keep cool; to feel even cold at times means to counteract the mischief of yesterday's and tomorrow's heat. Summer disorders arise from the accumulation of heat, not from catching cold. All this is "kill or cure" doctrine. Too early change of clothing in the spring is very perilous for most people.—Popular Science.

USE CLEAN FRUIT.

The New York board of health urges housekeepers to refuse to buy vegetables or fruits exposed to the dust of the street. The dust that accumulates on these exposed products is often laden with disease germs, and if this were not so it is uncleanly and unsanitary. Meat, game and poultry are rarely so exposed, except in the lower tenement houses. While it is true that all such foods are washed, peeled and cooked before being eaten, it does not follow that all the germ-laden deposit is either removed or sterilized. Foods of all kinds should be protected from all possible contamination, and the demand made by housekeepers will be met by merchants.



A woman—in so far as she beholdeth
Her one Beloved's face;
A mother—with a great heart that en-
foldeth
The children of the Race.

A body free and strong with that high
beauty
That comes of perfect use, is built
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A mind where Reason ruleth over
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A self-poised, royal soul, brave, wise
and tender,
No longer blind and dumb;
A Human Being, of an unknown splen-
dor
Is she who is to come.
—Charlotte Perkins Stetson.

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

The active work of the local Union is at a stand still this month, the members recuperating for earnest work to begin the 5th of September.

Pres. Mrs. C. B. Forbes is away for rest at Ocean View House, Pigeon Cove, Mass., until Aug. 27th. Secretary Mrs. A. D. Cross spends two months every year at Obed Heights, Saybrook. Treasurer Mrs. A. S. Cressey is at her old home in Brattleboro, Vt.

We hope to come together with renewed strength and enthusiasm to work for the coming year with greater earnestness and consecration for the purifying of our city and state in all ways open to our efforts.

Aug. 17th is Temperance Day at the Tylerville Camp Ground under the auspices of the Camp Association and Middlesex County W. C. T. U.

The State Union holds its annual meeting on Willimantic Camp-ground Aug. 18th, with Mrs. Fessenden of Massachusetts as speaker.

Interesting gatherings both of these will be for all interested in this work.

SHELTER FOR WOMEN.

The weeks have slipped by so quietly we hardly realized another month had gone.

Quite a number of changes have come to our family during the month. A number of girls have gone to places and are doing well. New ones are coming in. The "Wethersfield Flower Mission" has very kindly sent us a generous supply of beautiful flowers each Thursday to distribute to families in our neighborhood. The people come running from all directions to receive the flowers. The parents are as delighted as the children. Some of our thoughtful friends from the country have made our bill of fare more of vegetables and fruits. Mr. and Mrs. James Nichols conducted our service Sabbath afternoon; we are always glad to welcome visitors at this service as well as at other times.

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

The quinquennial session of the International Council of Women met in Westminster Town Hall, London, June 26, and closed July 4. The International Council is composed of delegates from national councils the world over, who meet to discuss subjects of interest to all women, thus broadening their views and increasing their efficiency as club women. Some of the more important questions considered at the recent meeting were International Arbitration, Woman Suffrage, Foods, the Training of Children, and Prisons and Reformatons. Among the American women in attendance at the council were Mrs. Humphrey Gaffney, Miss Susan B. Anthony, Rev. Anna H. Shaw, Mrs. Maria Purdy Peck, Mrs. Annie Jenness Miller, Mrs. Felix Alder, Miss Sadie American, Mrs. Susa Young Gates and Rev. Ida Hultin. The gathering proved not only instructive, but delightful socially, as the delegates were entertained by the Countess of Aberdeen and other prominent English women, and the leading delegates were presented to the queen. Mrs. May Wright Sewell was elected president of the council, to succeed Lady Aberdeen. Mrs. Sewell is a prominent club woman, a resident of Indianapolis.

The gift or talent which the Lord puts into our hands to use is proportioned to every man's "several ability." He does not require service, which we are unfitted to perform. He does not exact day labor, light being denied; does not require us to cut without an ax, or carve without a chisel; does not load the child with the burden of the man; does not require us to use five talents, having ability to use only one.—Ex.

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MISSIONARY NOTES.

Recently a new effort was made to compile missionary statistics, and the following is in round numbers the result: The missionary societies of America and Europe, Asia, Africa, and Australia number 250, with 4,700 stations, 15,200 out-stations, 11,700 missionaries, 65,000 native helpers, 1,122,000 communicants, and nearly 1,000,000 under instruction. The income of all these societies reaches \$13,000,000. This we believe, a very close approximation to the present facts.—Missionary Review.

The "Mission Record" says: "In March, 1837, the women of the Church of Scotland decided to send out their first missionary to India. Then there was not a single zenana open to a white woman; to-day our missionaries visit 157. Then the one missionary that we sent out started the first girls' school; to-day we have 49 schools, with over 3,000 pupils in them. Our one missionary has increased to 36, and there are 1,084 women in zenanas under instruction."

The fact is not generally known that the Connecticut Missionary Society, organized in 1798, during the first quarter-century of its existence expended \$250,000 *wholly outside the limits of the State*, in Vermont, New York, Ohio, the South, etc. Its 300 missionaries performed 500 years of toil. During a portion of those days primeval no less than three-fourths of the present area of the Union was Spanish soil.—Missionary Review.

MISCELLANY.

"A firm faith is the best divinity, a good life the best philosophy, a clear conscience the best law, honesty the best policy, temperance the best physic."

The whole secret of the spread of Christianity over the world is in the figure of the leaven. It is fire that kindles fire, love that kindles love, Christianity manifested that spreads Christianity.—Anon.

The distinction between Christianity and other systems of religion consists largely in this, that in the others men are found seeking after God, while Christianity is God seeking after man.—Thomas Arnold.

The real history of man is the history of religion, the wonderful ways by which the different families of the human race advanced towards a truer knowledge and a deeper love to God. This is the foundation that underlies all profane history. It is the light, the soul and the life of history, and without it all history would indeed be profane.—Max Muller.

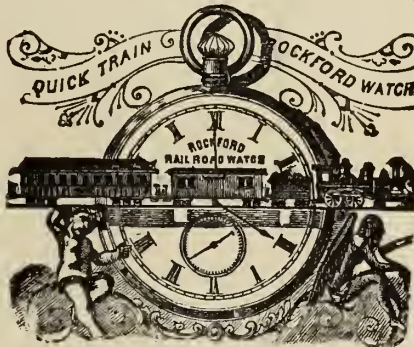
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Reserve. Unpaid Losses, (Inland),	.	169,504.88
Other Claims,	.	104,682.85
Net Surplus,	.	4,808,846.75
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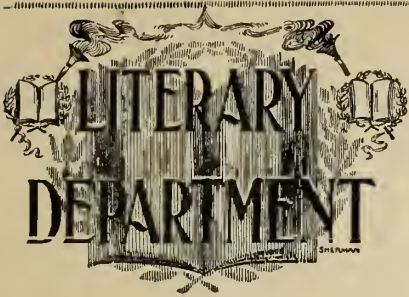
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Some important articles appear in "The Missionary Review of the World" for August. Among these is one by Dr. Pierson, the Editor-in-chief, on "The World's Missionary Conference of 1900." An unusually graphic and powerful history of "John Russ, the preacher of Prague," is contributed by Rev. Geo. H. Giddins of London. Robert E. Spear gives "A Roman Catholic View of China and Missions in China" in a manner which many will doubtless think over-charitable, but which gives almost the only fair presentation of the subject which has appeared in modern journals.

While most magazines put forth a Mid-summer Fiction Number, "Ainslee's" strikes an original course by offering an American Fiction Number in which are five short stories by the foremost native writers, F. Hopkinson

cinating glimpse of the wild life about his slab-sided cabin near the Hudson River at West Park.

The Span o' Life. By Wm. McLennan and J. N. McIlwraith. 308 pages, 12 mo. New York: Harper & Brothers. Price \$1.75.

This is the work, in collaboration, of a man and a woman, but so harmoniously is it arranged that it is a practical impossibility to detect any difference of style. But this fact is not of prime importance. It is the romance itself whose brilliancy and power make it a distinctive one. The period of the story is about the time of the "Seven Years' War" in the British Isles, and the "French and Indian War" on this side of the Atlantic. There are few more dramatic periods in history, and the authors prove themselves worthy



From "The Span o' Life."

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"THERE IS LITTLE I WOULD NOT DO TO PLEASE LA PERE JEAN."

article to appear in the September number describing the peasants Millet loved to paint.

The August number of "Self Culture" continues to show the rapid strides made by that unique magazine. The half-tone pictures are superb, and illustrate such interesting subjects as "Quebec, the Gibraltar of America;" "The Birth of the American Flag;" and "Papal Possibilities." An instructive article by Mr. Edwin Burritt Smith sets forth the legal status of Trusts. Mr. Leon Mead pleads for a National School of Diplomacy, to be an adjunct of the National University at Washington. An illustration of French justice (?), somewhat parallel to the Dreyfus case, is described in "The Famous Lyons Mail Case," an article in which the basic facts of the great play of that name are set forth.

Smith, F. Marion Crawford, R. W. Chambers, Morgan Robertson and John Luther Long. Each of these names is guarantee for a masterful tale, and it is rare that even a Mid-summer number contains such a delightful set of stories. There are besides several newsy and well-considered articles.

"The Century" for August is a mid-summer and travel number. "The Present Situation in Cuba" is graphically stated in a brief article by Major-Gen. Leonard Wood. Jacob Riis writes of "Feast-Days in Little Italy." The first feast described is in honor of some Italian village saint—"just-a-lik'-a your St. Patrick here," as one of the celebrants explained to President Roosevelt of the Police Board, who accompanied Mr. Riis to Elizabeth Street, and took five chances in a raffle for a sheep. John Burroughs gives a fas-

and capable of making the most of the splendid opportunities it offers.

The hero of the story, Chevalier Maxwell, is a proscribed rebel of '45, an adherent of the unfortunate Prince Charles, who escapes from London, where he has been in hiding and takes service with the French army in Acadia and Quebec. In a street row he is fortunate enough to rescue from difficulties a young lady with whom he promptly falls in love. However, as he is already married his sense of honor prevents him declaring his love until—

Well the plot is a complicated one but so skillfully woven that the ending of the story will be found thoroughly pleasing.

Through the courtesy of the publishers we are enabled to reproduce one of the characteristic illustrations of the book.

Poems by Richard Realf. Edited by Col. Richard J. Hinton. 232 pages, 12 mo. New York: Funk & Wagnalls Company. Price \$2.50.

It is strange that the world has never "discovered" Richard Realf. To be sure little gems of his are occasionally come across in some anthology or book of poetical quotations, but as to the personality of this poet, how many have ever thought to inquire. Such a sad, mad, unfortunate genius he was. The noble thoughts, the delicate imagery, the sad sweetness that characterize his poetry came from a heart heavy laden with sorrow and misery and suffering. Realf worked on against terrible odds, and when he gave up, and in despair shot himself, he left the results of his work behind him. And the world has profited vastly by that work though it has never acknowledged the debt.

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Pro Christo: The Story of a Royal Huguenot. By Mrs. H. A. Clark. 335 pages, 12 mo. New York: American Tract Society. Price \$1.25.

This is a story of the time of Louis XIV and that king's persecution of the French Protestants. A number of famous historical characters appear in the course of the story. Madame de Maintenon, the "Grande Monarch" himself, the Abbe Fenelon, and Jean Paullet are among them. It must be confessed, however, that one does not become very well acquainted with these people through the story.

As a story the book is of only ordinary merit, but as a pleasing way of conveying valuable and apparently accurate historical information it has a value.

The characters too often are made to express their thoughts and opinions by quoting poetry. The author should have relied more on her own powers of expression. The idea, however, of preceding each chapter with appropriate quotations seems to us a pleasant innovation when done with such good taste as is shown here. The publishers deserve much credit for producing a very well-printed, illustrated, and generally attractive volume.

Songs of Flying Hours. By Dr. Edward Willard Watson. 181 pages, 12 mo. Philadelphia: Henry T. Coates & Co. Price \$1.00.

While a certain indefinable gravity and sadness prevades most of the verses in this book there are so many beautiful thoughts expressed as to make it a volume of real and ennobling value.

These "Songs of Flying Hours" are genuine poetry and whether they are forgotten or not, as time goes by, they will have left a strong and lasting impression. It is inevitable that they should do so, for such inspirations as "At Last," "A Creed for To-Day," and "For So He Giveth His Beloved," are not for nothing.

The book is illustrated with taste and artistic skill by Miss M. Watson.

M. S. Bradford, Special. By Archibald Clavering Gunter. 289 pages, 12 mo. New York: The Home Publishing Co. Price 50 cents.

This is a mechanically improved and very attractive edition of a book first published in 1891. "Eli Perkins" has been for a great many years the American authority on the real wit and humor of this country. He has maintained his position with a dignity hardly to be expected in a professional humorist.

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Eli Perkins: Thirty Years of Wit. By Melville D. Landon. 305 pages, 12 mo. Akron, Ohio: The Werner Co. Price \$1.25.

makes the anecdotes far more effective and pleasing than they would be were they inserted disconnectedly. What great changes occur in a few years is vividly impressed by the fact that the text, written as before mentioned in 1891 refers to General Ben Butler, Robert G. Ingersoll, George W. Curtis, Jay Gould, Oliver Wendell Holmes and Eugene Field as still living. Certainly they are living in memory and long will live, if only for the richness of their humor—the gems of which are preserved in this book.

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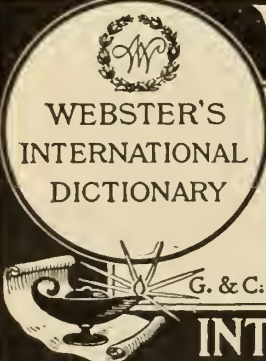
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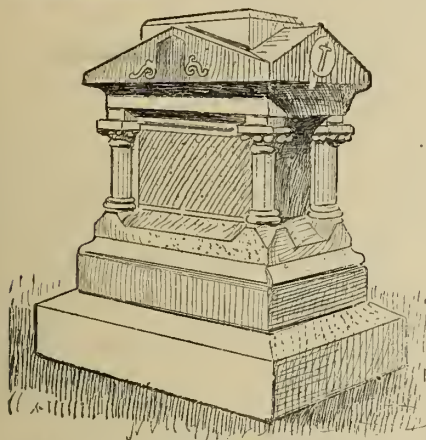
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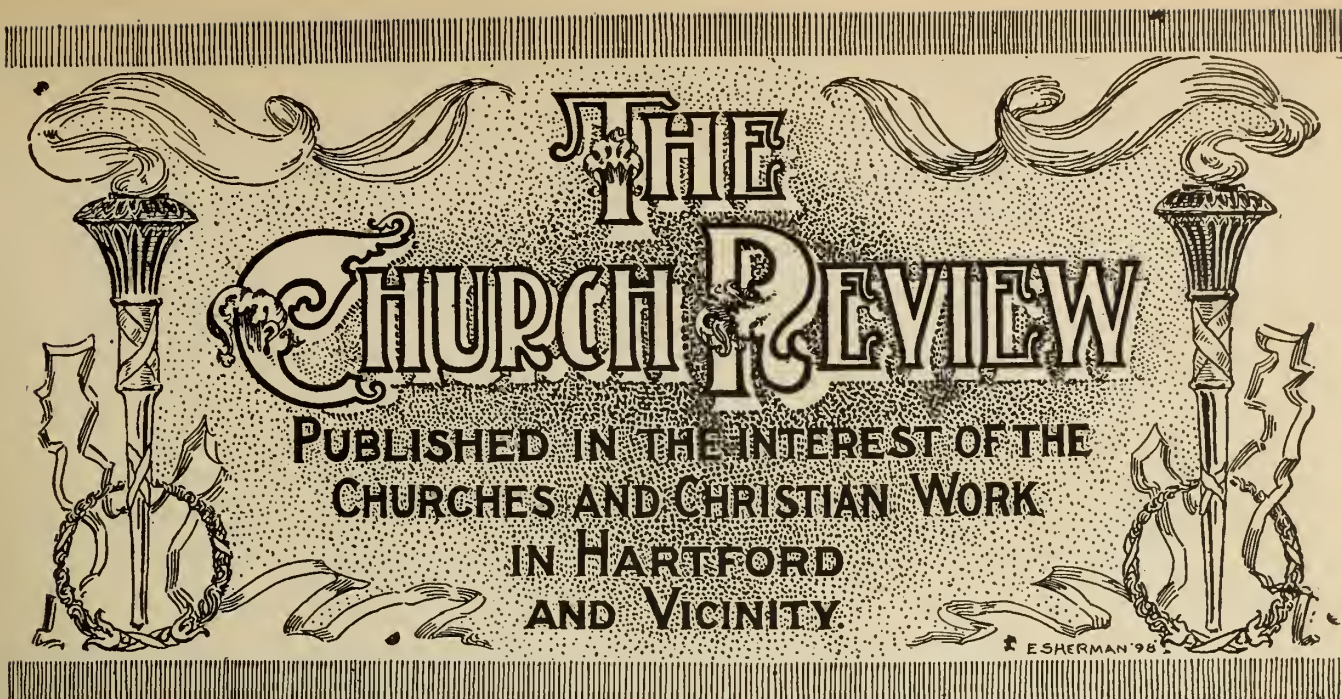
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And under the blossoming apple-tree
He lies and he dreams of the things
to be;
Of battles fought and of victories won,
Of wrongs o'erthrown and of great
deeds done—
Over the hills and far away!

Over the hills and far away,
It's O for the toil the livelong day!
But it mattereth not to the soul aflame
With a love for riches and power and
fame!
On, O man! while the sun is high—
On to the certain joys that lie
Yonder where blazeth the noon of day;
Over the hills and far away—
Over the hills and far away!

Over the hills and far away,
An old man lingers at the close of day;
Now that his journey is almost done,
His battles fought and his victories
won—
The old-time honesty and truth,
The trustfulness and the friends of
youth,
Home and mother—where are they?
Over the hills and far away—
Over the hills and far away!

THE VALUE OF THE BIBLE.

BY REV. FRANK DIXON.

The Bible no longer holds the place
in the affections of the people which
it once held. The peculiar influence
lost can never be regained. The dear
old Book which was so revered by the
fathers and mothers of the past is not

so revered by the children of the present. It is not because the children are less Christian. There is more genuine religion in the world to-day than ever before since the dawn of conscience. What is the significance of the changed attitude of the Christian church towards the Bible? That the present attitude is different from that of the past is beyond question, notwithstanding the zealous adherence of a numerous school of earnest, self-sacrificing, evangelistic believers of our time to ancient forms of faith and theological expression. The multiplication of summer schools for Bible study by those who believe themselves to be supremely and singularly loyal to the sacred writings can only hasten the revolution in opinion which progresses so rapidly. Every Bible reading which assembles bits of texts from various parts of the Scriptures in support of a proposition which no prophet or apostle ever dreamed of affirming demonstrates anew the utter worthlessness of that view of the Bible, upon which these readings are commonly based. No, I am not setting up a man of straw. The average proposition of a Bible reading would amaze the company of prophets and apostles. The notion that he who would have the living God speak to him face to face need trouble himself no further than to open his Bible and read, has become absolute. This does not mean that the Bible is absolute: by no means. It has become evident with the advance of intelligence that the Bible could never have been such a book, and that, if it had, it would be of no practical value. That view of the Bible which is being so universally abandoned cannot fairly be characterized as superstitious: it was a natural and an inevitable and vitally helpful step in the progress of religious thought. From having been regarded with a religious veneration at times suggestive of fetichism, the Bible has come to be studied as a series of his-

torical and poetical writings of inestimable value as revealing the processes of the development of a final and universal faith by which the soul can become partaker of the divine life.

The emphasis has passed from the writings themselves to the faith which is the product so largely of the writings. It is this faith by which humanity is to be redeemed.

What good is to be accomplished by the veneration of the processes by which this faith was watered? What redemption is possible from an endless and microscopic study of records? What the world needs is the practice of that faith which was exemplified by the life of Jesus.

The value of the Bible, then, lies supremely in its gift of a perfect faith and in its revelation of the secret of a right interpretation of history. The man who really knows how to read the Bible is fortunate chiefly because he is thereby qualified to read the history of his own times, and in that history to find the message of a living God to a living man. To know the history of Isaiah and his times is important for the Christian, nay, indispensable for the enlightened believer, but the history of McKinley's administration is more important for him, because the McKinley administration is the present sphere of his responsibility. His Bible has failed of its divine mission if it has not taught him how to discover the will of God in the events of his own time. What the Christian has lost in veneration for a sacred Book he has more than regained in an intelligent apprehension of the faith which is vital. He has been called from a mystic contemplation of the past to an appreciation of his practical duty in the present. The Bible burns for him still, not as a flame upon the altar of his devotion, but as a lamp to guide him in the way of practical righteousness.

LUTHER AT HOME.

BY PROF HENRY E. DOSKER, D. D.

Nowhere did the sun of Luther's geniality shine so brightly as at home. Unlike many other great men, he gave his very best to his own.

His wife, Catherine von Bora, of old and noble stock, had been a nun, who in 1523 had escaped from the Convent of Nimptsch, in Saxony, with eight others, and had taken refuge at Wittemberg. There she was hospitably received and entertained by Philip Reichenbach, town clerk, and later burgo-master of the city.

Two years later Luther married her, on the 13th of June, 1525. She was then thirty-one and Luther forty-two years old. Bugenhagen, the reformer, officiated at the wedding, and the rings of both are still to be seen at the Museum of Brunswick. They evince a high degree of artistic workmanship and are inscribed with the words, "What God has joined together let not man put asunder."

By command of the Elector of Saxony, Luther and his wife continued to live in the old monastery building, which had been vacated by the monks one after another, till the Reformer alone remained in the large and gloomy building.

Massive, old and angular, the place still stands, "close to the gate and the city walls of Wittemberg, altered within, but firm and towering without."

It was scarcely an ideal home for a newly-wedded couple, and the Catholics made no end of fun of the marriage and of the "new nest of the arch heretic;" but both Luther and his "Katie" were accustomed to such surroundings, and did not dread the ghosts of the dead past, and thus they bravely started on the new way.

Luther thus kindled the flames of a domestic altar, in a house solemnly devoted to its utter abolition. From the day of his wedding a new light shone in his eyes, and a stream of jovialty and merriment bubbled up, which the dreariest events of his later life were wholly unable to stem. Says Freitag: "From that time the husband, the father, the citizen, became likewise the reformer of the domestic life of his people, a pattern of filial reverence, of the marriage tie, of the training of children, as well as of the social family life;—the very blessings of his life on earth, of which Protestants and Catholics may alike partake, have sprung from Luther's marriage." And it was only three years before this time that Luther had said, on the occasion of the fanatic excesses at Wittemberg, "Good God, our Wittemberg friends are furnishing their monks with wives, but they shall not force any upon me." This change of mind had been a gradual one, and his marriage caused a commotion as nothing else, save the nailing of his theses in 1517 had done.

And yet what a husband and father he proved! Tender, loving, forbearing, helpful, wonderfully devoted to his children, their parent and playmate alike,

he was an ideal husband and the best of fathers.

His "Table-Talks" evidently show that he gave the best he had at home. His marriage developed a side of his character and life which but for it must have remained dormant forever.

An accomplished musician on various instruments, he sang and played for wife and children, till all cares had taken flight. His six children kept him young. Away from home he pined away. When the Diet was in session at Augsburg in 1530 he, on whose head a price was set, was quartered at Coburg-Gotha, almost within earshot of the imperial Council room, and there he wrote his immortal battle-hymn of the Reformation, "*Ein feste Burg*," and there he also wrote that beautiful letter to his little boy, which has become historic. As it is rather rare in print, I write it out in full:

"Grace and peace in Christ.

"My Dear Little Son: I rejoice to hear that thou art diligently learning and praying faithfully. Continue to do this, my son, and when I return home I will bring thee some beautiful toys, representing an annual fair. I know a delightful garden, in which many children are found, dressed in golden clothing. They gather beautiful apples, pears, cherries and plums; they also sing and leap and are happy; they have beautiful little horses with golden bridles and silver saddles. Thereupon I asked the man, whose garden it is, to whom these children belonged. He answered, 'These are the children that love to pray and study and are pious.' Then said I, 'My dear sir, I, too, have a son named Johnnie Luther: could he also come into this garden and eat such beautiful apples and pears and ride such little horses and play with these children?' And the man said, 'If he loves to pray and to study and is pious, he shall also go to heaven, and with him Lippus and Jost (sons of Melancthon and Jonas). And when they all come here they shall have fifes and flutes and drums, and all sorts of stringed instruments; they shall also dance and shoot with small cross-bows.' And he showed me a beautiful spot in the garden set apart for dancing: there I saw hanging real golden fifes and drums and fine silver cross-bows. But it was quite early, so that the children had not yet eaten their meal. Hence I could not wait to see them dance, and I said to the man, 'I will hurry and write my son Johnnie all about these things, so that he may pray diligently, study well and be pious, and also come into this garden. But he has an Aunt Lena, whom he must take along with him.' Then the man replied, 'Let it be so, go and write him all about it.' Therefore, my little son Johnnie, keep on studying and praying, and tell Lippus and Jost that they also study and pray and then you will all together come into this garden. Herewith I commend thee to Almighty God. Greet Aunt Lena with a kiss from me.

"Thy dear father,"

"Martinus Luther."

Coburg, June 19, 1530.

Surely, a man so simple, so child-like, and yet so truly great, could not but extend the circle of his friends to the very ends of the earth. Luther's domestic felicity kept him from being swallowed by the abyss of cares, which at all times overwhelmed him.—The Christian Intelligencer.

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BY H. F. SHUPE.

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Three years of the War for Independence had passed. Philadelphia was in possession of the British under General Howe. Washington established headquarters at White Marsh, fourteen miles from Philadelphia. About the middle of December the British planned to surprise Washington in a night attack, but a woman, a patriotic Philadelphia Quakeress, named Lydia Darrah, overheard the plan. The next morning she took a bag on pretence of going to a country mill for flour, secured a pass, and hastened on foot through the snow to the nearest American outpost, and gave the alarm. When the British arrived at White Marsh the next night they were surprised to find Washington's army waiting for them.

White Marsh was too near to Philadelphia for the safety of the army, so Washington, decided to remove to a safer place and go into winter quarters. He selected Valley Forge about twenty-one miles from Philadelphia, on the Schuylkill River. The march through the snow on those cold December days is historic. For lack of sufficient clothing the suffering was intense, and for lack of shoes the soldiers left blood-tracks on the line of march!

"Comfort!" exclaims Lossing, the historian,—"a condition scarcely known at Valley Forge during the dreary winter. The army numbered at the beginning of the encampment eleven thousand men, of whom twenty-nine hundred were unfit for duty. For about four months they had marched and counter-marched, and fought to baffle the designs of a powerful enemy, who then numbered nineteen thousand, and were in comfortable quarters in a city only twenty miles distant. To the dreary hollow, scooped from the hills, the soldiers had come with tattered garments and naked and bleeding feet to fight with

cold, disease, and famine, foes more imp'acable than armed Britons. Toryism was rife in the vicinity, and provisions could not be procured without resorting to force, which Washington reluctantly used from time to time. But few horses were in the camp, because forage was scarce; and such was the deficiency in this respect that men in many instances cheerfully yoked themselves to rude vehicles of their own construction for carrying wood and provisions when procured, while others performed the duty of packhorses and carried heavy burdens of fuel on their backs."

Washington's headquarters were in the home of Isaac Potts, a Quaker preacher, situated near the mouth of Valley Forge Creek. Two rooms were used, one for business and the other as a sleeping apartment for General and Mrs. Washington. The remainder of

June when Washington broke camp at Valley Forge, pursued the British, who had evacuated Philadelphia, and fought the memorable battle at Monmouth, New Jersey.

It was raining when I alighted from the train at Valley Forge. Washington's headquarters were easily distinguished as the well-preserved stone house, in an enclosed grassy plot of an acre or two, with a flagstaff near by. The beautiful Schuylkill swept in graceful curve on one side, and in the distance were the hills forming a great amphitheater. On the ridge of the hills, with their clumps of brush and trees, I was told had been located the fortifications of Washington's army.

A village of a few hundred people is scattered along the small creek which flows in front of the headquarters house and passes under the high embankment of the railroad. Here Potts had

gagmaster of the army, and pewter ware of various kinds, including a plate with a hook for carrying it, used by the soldiers. There is a "postscript" to the "Pennsylvania Gazette" dated "Friday Evening, Five O'Clock, December 24, 1773."

I copied a manuscript letter written by Washington concerning some machine which the inventor probably wanted to show:

"Monday will be quite agreeable to me to see the operation of Col. Anderson's machine. And eight o'clock a convenient hour. I shall expect you accordingly. I am Yr. ob. ser't.

G. WASHINGTON.

"Saturday

"20th Aug., '79

"Saml Powell, Esq."

It was here that Washington spent the trying winter of 1777-78, with unscrupulous intriguers plotting against



WASHINGTON'S HEADQUARTERS, VALLEY FORGE.

the house was used by Mr. Potts and his family. During the latter part of the winter a log-cabin addition was built to the house to dine in.

The house is built of stone, with thick walls. Below one of the windows the general had a box made to appear as part of the casement, with a blind trap-door at the top in which to keep his valuable papers.

The bitterly cold winter passed, and here in May came the encouraging news that France had recognized the struggling colonies. On May 7 the army was drawn up, and the cannons fired a salute of joy, and the soldiers shouted, "Long live the king of France!" When General Washington retired with Mrs. Washington leaning on his arm, there was another outburst of huzzaring. "Long live General Washington! Long live Lady Washington!" It was in

a forge in the early days, the iron used being made in a furnace in Chester County and conveyed to Pott's forge, known from 1757 as the Valley Forge.

I tried the old-fashioned latch on the door, but it was locked. Soon the man who had charge of the place came and unlocked the door, the admission fee being ten cents. In the hall are some interesting pictures, and a map made by Lafayette. The reception room is fitted up with furniture of the colonial period, and on the walls are pictures of distinguished men connected with the Revolution. There is the picture of Bodo Otto, the surgical doctor, born in 1709, at Hanover, Germany, and buried at Reading, Pa. In the bedroom there is a series of pictures of Washington, in chronological order.

Many interesting relics are on exhibition, as a hammer used by the bag-

him, and with an half-clad, scantily-fed army to winter, almost without money and provisions, and with a powerful army only twenty miles away. Well may Lossing say, "In all the world's history we have no record of purer devotion, holier sincerity, or more pious self-immolation than was then and there exhibited in the camp of Washington."

The gift of power accompanies the gift of the Spirit.

Power is given for the purposes of preaching and practicing.

A grounded wire spends power. Communication with the world robs a Christian of power.

Power is a gift, not an accomplishment.

Humility is a proof of power. Spirit-filled believers do not boast of it.

JERUSALEM'S GOLDEN GATE.

BY BISHOP J. W. HOTT, D. D.

There are seven gates to the present wall, five of which only are open. About a thousand and fifty feet from the southeast corner of the city wall, and near the northeast corner of the temple plateau, is the Golden Gate, the most beautiful in its architectural structures of any of the entrances of the Holy City. There is a projection of the massive wall of six feet for the length of forty-five feet, in the center of which once opened this beautiful gate, entering into the temple plateau. It is walled shut on the outside, and has been so for probably a thousand years, and possibly much longer, though an entrance to its chamber on the inside is open. There is something suggest-

of the Temple of Solomon. If so, it doubtless stands upon the foundation of another gate, which was wasted in the destruction of the city. Its double entrance shows us that it was intended by one opening to admit those who would enter the city, while the other might be thronged and pressed by those departing. The floor of the tower inside is about twenty feet below the level of the Haram plateau. The view, from the top, over the city and over the valley of Kedron, is very delightful. Tradition has connected this gate with the "gate of the temple which is called Beautiful" (Acts 3: 2); but this is a mistake, as that doubtless was an entrance to the temple proper, though not far from this place.

The tower of this gate is sixty-eight by thirty-four feet, east and west, and north and south, and contains the most

HOW TO HELP THE NEW PASTOR.

The "Epworth Herald" gives some rules for helping the pastor that young people should put into practice as soon as the new preacher arrives. It would be well to practice these rules also with the old pastor:

"1. Make it a rule to pray before each sermon that he may preach such doctrine, and in such a simple, forcible, and convincing manner, that sinners will be compelled to forsake their sins and cleave to the cross of Jesus Christ.

"2. During the sermon make a note of any particular helpful remark, and speak about it at the after-meeting, or at the next prayer-meeting. This will encourage him, prove that his words are falling into good ground and bringing forth fruit.



TUNXIS FALLS—NEAR WINSTED.

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ive in this splendid gate having been so long closed, and the more striking when we remember that it is most probable that it occupies the site of the "way of the gate of the outward sanctuary which looked toward the east," as described by the prophet more than five hundred years before Christ. Then he declared: "This gate shall be shut, it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter in by it; because the Lord, the God of Israel, hath entered in by it, therefore it shall be shut." Ez. 44: 2.

It had a double entrance, mounted with Roman arches, sustained on either side by Corinthian columns, richly carved and sculptured. Doctor Robinson thinks it possible that it was erected by Hadrian, in the second century, as an entrance to the Jupiter Temple which he erected on the cit-

splendid chamber of any of the gates of Jerusalem.

The great chambers of the gates are not only occupied by the guards of the city, but are the rooms where petty trials are conducted; and in times of war, councils are held in them. It was from this custom that Jesus drew one of his most powerful utterances when he spoke to Peter and his disciples of the security of this church, saying, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matt. 16: 18. The council chambers of hell and the armies of hell which come out of its gates shall not prevail against the church of Christ.—"Journeys in the Old World."

By the very constitution of our nature, moral evil is its own curse.

"3. If you do not get a chance to thank him personally for the blessings you have received from his day's work, or to testify to it in the after-meeting, tell his wife, and she will see that it reaches him.

"4. Talk about him and his work to your associates in business and social life, and so increase his popularity and thus fill the church.

"5. Search out the unconverted who sit nearest you, and by following up any convincing point which the pastor made, seek to clinch the truth, and bring it home to them directly.

"6. When any thought occurs to you for the upbuilding of the church, do not allow it to die from suffocation. Give it air, tell it to the pastor, and then help him to put it into effect, if he deems it advisable.

"7. Call on him frequently, not to

hinder his time, but to ascertain if you can be of any use to him—if he wants some work carried out which he cannot do, and you can.

"8. Do not bother him with idle tales, but replenish the storehouse of his brain with any especially interesting bits of Christian experiences which come to you from time to time.

"9. Whenever you see anything in the newspapers in praise of his work, or taken from his sermons, cut the items out, write the name of the paper and date upon them, and either take or mail them to him. All pastors are helped by the knowledge that they are noticed by the press.

"10. Pray every day for him, and try to get a few really consecrated Christians together each Saturday evening to pray the mighty power of the Holy Spirit to rest upon him during the morrow."

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Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

On Friday evening, Aug. 18th, our Reception Committee, with their lady friends, enjoyed their annual launch ride down the river.

The Inter-association wheel meet was held in Jewell Hall, Tuesday evening, Aug. 22nd. New Britain sending twenty-two, had the largest visiting delegation. Middletown, seven; Meriden, six; New Haven, two. After refreshments had been served, Colonel Jewell extended a welcome to the fellows. Representatives of the various associations responded. This ends the moon-light wheel meets for this season as the grand rally which was planned for Sept. 19th has been given up.

Our wheel club took a run to White Oak Park, Wednesday evening, Sept. 6th. Those who went report a fine time. This was their last run and closes a very successful season.

The Reception Committee will meet on Wednesday evening, Sept. 27th, for a social time and to plan for the work of the fall and winter.

The chess club will soon hold its annual meeting when a movement will be inaugurated to promote added interest in this most pleasing and fascinating game.

Announcements regarding the Sunday gospel services will be made in the next number of the "Review."

Plans are being made for an extended work in the Bible Study Department.

A course of free entertainments will be given to the members this winter.

Physical Director B. Van Lew Wilson will leave Hartford Sept. 15th. He came as assistant physical director two years ago. When Mr. Allen resigned his position Mr. Wilson was at once chosen as his successor and the work during the past year under his management has been thoroughly successful. While he will leave Association work temporarily it will be only that he may have more time to pursue some special studies.

Mr. Wales Dixon is coming Sept. 14th, to succeed Mr. Wilson as Physical Director. Mr. Dixon was with us as assistant physical director for nearly three years from '94-'96. In the fall of '96 he was engaged as Physical Director of the Y. M. C. A. at Utica, N. Y. Our Association is very fortunate to get such a man to take Mr. Wilson's place.

Mr. Lynn N. Irwin who came to us Sept. 1st as Secretary of the Social and

Religious work is a young man of many superior qualities if we may trust what his friends say of him. The standard is placed very high. We extract from the correspondence relative to Mr. Irwin some of the qualities of manner and character said to be characteristic of him. And we are happy to add that having had several interviews with Mr. Irwin, and as a result of other inquiries we believe he can stand up to the test as comparatively few men can. "Is a college graduate, 22 years of age, very successful in his present position as Assistant Secretary, has good sense and judgment in a superior degree, is energetic, practical, systematic, tactful, hopeful—never discouraged. Has influence with young men, to whom his manners and address are pleasing; is modest, economical, prompt in paying his obligations, honest. Has good health, no defects of person or speech, and possesses executive ability. Is an acceptable public speaker and active in his church. A thorough Bible student, and has a sincere desire to be of service in the Master's kingdom."

Our State Secretary, Mr. Bates, says, "He is a bright fellow, manly and straight-forward in every way."

HILLYER INSTITUTE.

At a recent meeting of the educational committee plans were made for the work of the fall and winter. There will be twenty-one classes with teachers as follows: architectural drawing, F. W. Whiton; free-hand drawing, C. R. Loomis; advanced mechanical drawing, Frank Harrington; elementary mechanical drawing, N. P. Work with two assistants, C. W. Sadler and D. A. Richardson; woodwork (boys') N. P. Work; carpentry, E. E. Hamilton; forging, W. J. Decker; plumbing, A. M. Smith; electricity, Willis M. Thayer; arithmetic, Miss Mary L. Linehan; bookkeeping, J. P. Krogh; penmanship, W. K. Cook; shorthand, W. C. Gompf; algebra and geometry, Miss Anna H. Andrews; physics and chemistry, Miss Mary L. Linehan; English and spelling, Mrs. Grace H. Phelps; Spanish, Mrs. E. J. Pearson.

Preliminary meeting will be held Oct. 9th.

Fall term begins Oct. 16th.

"They have a very effective way of putting the brakes on inebriates up in Manitoba," said O. A. Bemis of Minnesota, at the Ebbitt. "When a man has been convicted twice or thrice of drunkenness in the local police courts, he is sentenced to wear a brass collar, which is a plain tip to saloon-keepers that he is a person to whom it is forbidden to sell any intoxicating beverages. No man with this badge of disgrace can get a drink anywhere, for the law is strictly respected. The result is that in many cases an entire cure is effected in the individual. Whenever the authorities think that the collar penalty has been endured long enough the collar comes off and the citizen is at liberty to get a drink."—Union Signal.



TRINITY CHURCH.

Our Rector, Rev. Ernest de F. Miel, has issued the following announcements:

The Sunday-school will assemble for the term of 1899-1900, Sunday, Sept. 17, 1899, at 2:30 o'clock, in the Chapel.

Our best endeavors will be devoted this year to putting this important branch of our church work upon a high plane of efficiency and thoroughness both in study and discipline. To this end I bespeak your co-operation and support.

The Primary Department will be divided and a class for the younger scholars started on the Kindergarten principle. The intermediate grades will be equipped with a system of lessons adapted to teaching the truths of our religion in a simple but comprehensive fashion.

A Bible Class for Women will begin a systematic study of the scriptures under the direction of a competent teacher.

My own Bible Class for Men will begin its sessions on the first Sunday of October.

It is earnestly desired that all children connected with the parish, who are not being regularly instructed at home, be enrolled as Sunday-school Scholars.... They will be cordially welcomed and assigned to the classes best suited to their requirements.

The prizes for last year's work will be given out on Sunday, September 24, 1899.

It is important that every scholar attend on the first Sunday if possible, in order that each may be placed in class, and that each may receive a lesson book at the beginning of the term.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

The Rev. Mr. Ball of Virginia conducted the services the last two Sundays in August and the first Sunday in September. His sermons were strong and uplifting. His rich bass voice was heard in the Te Deum and Hymns.

The Rector has been enjoying his vacation at Cape Briton and the Provinces.

The Vested Choir under the direction of Mrs. Kinney rendered the music during August very acceptably.

Mr. F. Addis, the treasurer of the Sunday-school, who has been sick for some time, is improving and has gone to his home in Milford, Ct.

September is a little early for real active work in the societies of the Parish; but they will soon take on new life and be in full operation.

NEW BRITAIN AVE. MISSION.

Aside from the regular session of the Sunday-school, there was but little activity in Mission circles during August. The Sunday evening preaching service was discontinued through the month, but was resumed on the 3rd.

Mr. Talmadge was the preacher, giving an interesting discourse, ending up with an attack on, or candidly speaking giving much information regarding the contents of seven of the recent issues of the New York Sunday papers. His remarks were very amusing.

I understand an orchestra is to be organized to assist in the Sunday evening services. Last season the choir was accompanied by a violin, cornet and piano, but this year Mr. Agard has something further in view.

Among mission people who have been sojourning during August are Miss Nellie Clark and the Misses Isa and Lottie Mill in Massachusetts; Mrs. Smith and the Misses Pearl in Niantic; Miss Ella Myers in New Jersey, and Miss Whitaker in attendance at camp-meeting at East Douglass. Messrs. Henry Gage and Richard Joslyn have also been recruiting, but where I am unable to announce.

FIRST BAPTIST.

Our Pastor, Rev. Harold Pattison, preached his first sermon since his return from vacation on Sunday, Sept. 3rd. He was welcomed back most cordially.

Our Sunday evening vestibule prayer-meetings are having pleasing success and are always crowded to the limit by members of our own congregation and passers-by who are attracted by the music, etc.

The average attendance in our Sunday-school during July and August was 185, what we consider a very gratifying showing.

By a vote of the church taken Thursday evening, July 13th, Rev. Alonzo Bunker, D. D., becomes our special missionary. His field will be near Hanamaconda, India. The Missionary Union consider Dr. Bunker the ablest Baptist missionary in the foreign field.

The members of our Primary Department have been making special efforts this summer to bring in their young acquaintances and induce them to join the school.

OLIVET BAPTIST.

Our Pastor has returned from his vacation and we are very glad to have him present with us a gain. On Monday evening the King's Sons and Daughters are to give an informal social, inviting both the church and congregation. A pleasant time is anticipated. During the vacation a lawn social was given by the Evangeline Circle at the home of Mrs. Hutchinson, New Park Ave. A pleasant evening was enjoyed by all who attended.

It is hoped that during the coming months our societies will take a greater interest in the work.

SECOND ADVENT.

We note with much satisfaction that our prayer-meetings are increasing in attendance, especially our Loyal Worker's meeting Tuesday evenings.

A system has lately been adopted whereby this meeting is made more interesting; a topic being given from week to week, suggested by any one present. This method creates a freshness which is apt to be lacking where topics are selected for the quarter.

Our Sunday-school had an outing Saturday, Sept. 9th, for fresh air and a day's enjoyment.

A trolley trip to Rainbow was taken and a pleasant time reported.

ST. THOMAS CHURCH.

The Rector, Rev. Geo. R. Warner, and family, returned from their two month's vacation the last week in August. During his absence Mr. Warner has made an extended trip in the West.

On Wednesday evening, Sept. 6th, a reception was given by the ladies of the Guild, in the parish building, to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Warner home. It was largely attended by members of the parish and their friends and proved a very pleasant affair. Mr. and Mrs. Warner stood on a large rug at one end of the hall to receive their friends, the guests being presented to them by ushers. The stage and refreshment tables were prettily decorated with cut flowers. After the greetings were over, Mr. Warner gave a very interesting talk on his trip in the West, which was listened to with close attention by the audience, and loudly applauded. At the close of Mr. Warner's address, Mr. M. J. Brines, Trinity, 1900, who has a tenor voice of great power and sweetness, sang three songs which were enthusiastically received, and added much to the enjoyment of the evening. Light refreshments were served, and the reception ended with many expressions of pleasure at seeing Mr. and Mrs. Warner back in good health and ready for the work of the Fall and Winter.

The sessions of the Sunday-school and Sunday evening services were resumed Sept. 10th.

A neat and attractive sign-board has been placed on the front of the church building, giving the name of the church and the Rector, and the hours of services. It was done under the direction of vestryman W. F. Whittelsey.

BLOOMFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

During the vacation of our Pastor the Endeavorers assumed the responsibility of leadership and support of the Thursday evening prayer-meeting. Rev. Chas. M. Shelton's books "In His Steps" or "What Would Jesus Do," and "For Christ and the Church," were the topics chosen for two of the meetings and proved to be themes full of interesting thought and suggestion for practical everyday Christian living.

The first Sunday after resuming his accustomed duties, our Pastor preached from the text, "Ye have compassed this

mountain long enough, turn ye northward." It was a ringing call to the church to arouse from a self-contented and luke-warm condition, gird itself for aggressive work and go forward, believing itself full able to possess the land, if only it had unshaken confidence in God's leadership and help.

We are pleased to note the coming to town of two new families who will probably be attendants upon our church services. It is also reported that Dea. N. F. Miller and family who of late years have removed to the city during the Winter, with its storms and impeded traveling, increase extra cares and responsibilities. As superintendent of the Sunday-school and as leader in many departments of church work, we could hardly spare Bro. Miller.

PARK ST. METHODIST.

The Pastor and his family have returned from their August vacation among the Berkshires, greatly invigorated.

Quite a number of our young people are expecting to attend the Group Meeting at Simsbury on Sept. 20th.

Mr. James Kneen and Mr. Wm. A. Huffman, two of our bright young men, who were employed in the Motor Carriage works, left the first week in September for Tilton, N. H., where they have entered Tilton Academy, with a view to the work of the ministry. A farewell reception was tendered them at the residence of Mrs. John Wolfinger, which was largely attended by our young people.

The death of Mr. Joe Rowbotham, last month after an operation at the Hartford Hospital, was a great shock to our young people. "Joe," as he was familiarly called, was a universal favorite. He was employed at Mellen and Hewes, and had bright prospects.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Whelan, who have charge of our Juniors are enjoying a well-earned vacation at Hudson, N. Y.

About thirty of our people have spent their vacation with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Doty, who have removed to Morris Cove, New Haven.

The plans for the new church are completed and are very satisfactory. Specifications will soon be in the hands of the Building Committee. More than one thousand dollars were subscribed the past week by four families in the church. Final action in regard to the building will be taken at the next Quarterly Conference to be held this Fall.

Special evangelistic services will be held in October or November under the direction of the Pastor.

WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

Mr. Henry Lankton, our senior deacon, has nearly recovered from his late serious accident. Mr. Elsdon has returned from his vacation.

The convention of the churches is soon to be held in Rockville and delegates will go from our church.

FARMINGTON AVE. CONGREGATIONAL.

The new church was opened for the first service Sunday, September 10th, and the opening was welcomed by a splendid audience that filled every seat and made four rows of extra chairs necessary. It is safe to say that to those who had not seen it before the interior was a delightful surprise. The first impression one gets on entering is one of perfect purity, the marble whiteness, relieved by the gold pipes and exquisite decorative plaster-work of the organ, the great height of the dome and the softened light through the immense windows justifying the remark made by one not given to exaggeration: "It is a dream of heaven." Mr. Love's sermon was on "The Church Home," and most appropriately expressed the thought that this church, which had moved to a section devoted to homes, should be pre-eminently a home church; not a place where we gather occasionally to listen to a sermon, but a true home for each of us, where each contributes something to the service and all are united as one family.

The Sunday-school found their quarters pleasant, light and airy, and the Endeavor Society felt "at home" at once in the pretty, cheerful parlors. The meeting was the largest for some years, and was unusually interesting.

A feature which the young people especially will appreciate is a wheel room located in the basement, which is soon to be fitted with racks.

SUFFIELD ST. BAPTIST.

Our Christian Endeavor Society has selected the following officers to serve during the winter term: President, W. O. Buckley; vice-president, Miss Flora B. Allardyce; corresponding and recording sec'y. M. T. Smith; junior sup't, Mrs. A. C. Thompson.

During the absence of our Pastor, Rev. W. J. Noble, E. K. Smith, a former member of our Endeavor Society, preached.

FOURTH CONGREGATIONAL.

After the summer's rest the church work in its various directions seems to have been fairly taken up again.

Sunday the choir seats were well filled to give a welcome to our Pastor after his vacation.

The Young Men's Bible Class will hold a reunion Friday, inviting their friends to a Corn Roast.

The twenty-fourth of the month is to be observed as Rally Day in the Y. P. S. C. E. as well as in the Sunday-school.

WETHERSFIELD METHODIST.

The attendance which decreased somewhat during the vacation season, has now reached its usual number. It is especially noticeable at the Thursday evening meeting, which was quite largely attended last week.

Sept. 15th, the Epworth League will give a Musical and Recital at Grange

Hall. The program is not fully arranged as yet.

WINDSOR CONGREGATIONAL.

Our meeting Sunday evening, Sept. 24th, is to be an echo of the Detroit Christian Endeavor Convention. Mr. Myrton T. Smith, secretary of the Hartford Union, who attended the convention, is to be present and assist us.

THE OPEN HEARTH.

Our Superintendent, although needing rest from his arduous labors, has so arranged as to be in the city each Sunday during his vacation, thus being present for the Mission service in the evening and Gospel Wagon service in the afternoon. The Gospel Wagon services have during the season drawn large crowds of people, and in particular at Pope's Grove much interest has been manifested; numbers asking prayers and professing a wish to lead better lives for the future. The week-day meetings each evening at the Mission have been led by those who have been benefitted by the work done there and have been interesting and helpful. The Sand Yard has been through the season a source of great enjoyment to the little ones of the neighborhood and a relief to their mothers. The outlook for the fall work is promising and it will we trust be a means of good to hundreds of poor souls who are destitute of home and friends. Our citizens are more and more coming to appreciate the work done by Supt. Miller, and all should extend to the Mission their aid and sympathy.

"It was pretty hard to have the honeymoon clouded before we had been married two hours," complained a newly married man, as reported by the Detroit Free Press. "Fact is, though, the excitement of the wedding-day took away the little sense I had remaining."

"We were married at noon, and after dodging the customary rice and old shoes, left for the station. We had barely time to catch our train, and I rushed up to the ticket window at once. Then, once more, we had to run the gauntlet of friends, who think it smart to throw rice down one's collar and have it sift down into one's shoes."

"We got aboard at last, and when the train started I heaved a sigh of relief. When the conductor came around for the tickets I handed mine over. After looking at it for a moment, he asked me if the lady was traveling with me."

"That was the last straw, and I snapped out for him to mind his own business."

"That is what I am trying to do," he answered coolly. "One more fare, please."

"Then it flashed upon me that in the hurry and excitement of the moment I had forgotten that I had a wife—and I wilted right then and there. I paid the other fare and tried to laugh it off, but the look that my wife gave me will linger with me as long as I live. It took me two hours to argue her out of the impression that I didn't love her any more, and she isn't fully satisfied yet."

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RENDERING SERVICE.

We are to render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's and unto God the things which are God's. What shall we render unto our neighbor?

How often do we seriously take this question to ourselves and conscientiously seek to answer it.

At no time probably in the world's history have men been so dependent on each other for their material comforts and necessities as they are to-day, and as the wants of mankind increase so increases also their interdependence. Of the things we wear, or eat, or satisfy our other desires with from day to day, what a small portion we could produce of our own effort. Through how many hands and machines (and trace back the construction of those machines too) have your shoes passed since they left the back of a steer raised by some western farmer? Do you realize that the comfort and appearance of your foot depends on the farmer, the butcher, the tanner, the machinist and so on through the list? Probably hundreds of men have had some part directly or indirectly in the making of every pair of shoes you buy, so in a measure you are dependent upon them all. So with nearly everything you use, and thus you come in contact with thousands you never see or know, yet upon whom you are dependent. Literally your brother is your keeper, and if you have a place of useful industry you become his also, and it is a privilege.

But is not the life more than meat and the body more than

raiment? Intellectually mankind is interdependent also. How much of our knowledge is self acquired. The larger the proportion, the more to our shame since it follows that we know very little, for he who seeks knowledge is very largely dependent on others, and more probably on the dead than upon the living. The truths of science and religion which have been discovered since the history of mankind began, we now learn by turning the pages of a book, and thus in half an hour can learn what some one else devoted a lifetime to discover. God bless the man who first invented books for the wealth of knowledge and diversion which they have brought us! So intellectually, too, we are dependent on others, and, it is devoutly to be hoped, can impart intelligence as well as receive it.

But the life is more than intellect also. It possesses immortality. It has a soul. A soul which at the last answers only to its God, but which is very much inclined toward evil or good according to its associations, its environment. Its good impulses are strengthened or checked by its contact with other souls. Thus our souls are interdependent also, and herein lies one of our highest privileges, that of ministering to the souls of others.

And so we come back again to the question with which we started, "What shall we render to our neighbor?"

If we are not mere parasites in the world we will render our share of work in supplying his physical wants. Whether we wield the hoe or the pen we will perform our labor honestly. By hook or crook we may possess money wherewith we can purchase the products of others. But if our money is spent merely for selfish enjoyment; if we render no service but to ourselves; if we produce nothing, yet consume the products of others, are we not in a true sense parasites on the social body? We owe to our neighbor a fair stint of work, and it should be paid as an honest debt, ungrudgingly.

We owe to our neighbor the best of our intellect. On many social occasions "small talk" seems to be the only form of conversation which can be indulged in. But if in our intercourse with others we habitually confine ourselves to "small talk," newspaper gossip, etc., we cultivate a very lean order of intelligence both in him and in ourselves. "Improving conversation" is considered a great bore by many people, but why should the intelligent discussion of a worthy subject prove tiresome? We owe it to our neighbor, and we surely owe it to ourselves, that our brains and tongue be used to better advantage than the mere exploitation of the gossip of the street or the yellow journal.

We owe to our neighbor an influence of position and moral helpfulness. Not the mere observance of the commonly accepted laws of ethics. But a vital and aggressive righteousness which will call vice, vice, and not wink at it in any form; which will call right, right, and not compromise with it from any

motive of policy. A sturdy righteousness which will put to shame every weak moral nature and give it backbone. A righteousness which is assertive and yet not pharasaic, which possesses boldness yet humility. A righteousness which will rebuke wrong uncompromisingly, yet which is glad to do a kindness even to the wrong doer. Such a righteousness as was exemplified in the life of Christ.

Like Christ we should give of ourselves to our neighbor. Unselfishly to minister to him in sickness, in poverty, in sorrow, in disgrace also. And we may be sure that whatever service we render will be repaid to us manifold. It was the promise of Christ that this should be so, a promise which has been proven by all who have tested it.

A child's kiss

Set on thy sighing lips shall make thee glad;

A poor man served by thee shall make thee rich;

A sick man helped by thee shall make thee strong;

Thou shalt be served thyself by every sense

Of service which thou renderest.

—E. B. Browning.

THE FALL CAMPAIGN.

Military operations in the Philippines have been largely suspended for some time owing to the "rainy season."

So religious operations in the United States have been largely suspended during the same period owing to what we may call the sunny season."

American soldiers drowned out, so to speak. American Christians roasted out.

The new Secretary of War promises a vigorous campaign as soon as weather conditions improve.

Likewise our Christian workers talk now of beginning the Fall campaign.

Good! Let it be a campaign vigorous and relentless against the common enemy. The chances are that he has made many advances during the summer and taken many a stronghold. Drive him back without delay. Fight and pray without ceasing until he is driven far back within his own lines, then attack him there.

There are dangers, but less in the front than in the rear. Many a straggler is picked off by a sharp-shooter, or by a chance shot. The devil is uncommonly expert in flank and rear attacks. In fact wins most of his battles that way.

But fight him at all points. Throw out a regiment here and another there. Advance always but leave the flanks of the army and especially its rear well protected.

But, as in the song we sing, let "the cross of Jesus" be "going on before." We fight sometimes more for the sake of fighting than for the principles at stake. We too often disregard instructions from headquarters, and attempt to fight all by ourselves, or in company with a few others equally unqualified, and the result is disaster.

Unity of purpose is no less essential in religious warfare than in warfare

between nations. Nations do not send their citizens out as individual fighters, but by regiments, brigades and divisions. To do otherwise would be to invite their annihilation by the enemy. In religious warfare there should be the same unity of forces.

As a matter of fact such unity does not prevail. If it did what a mighty army might be hurled against all of Satan's strongholds; but as it is, each denomination fights along its own lines exclusively; each church fights in its own way and with the division of the church into societies for the accomplishment of this or that, less and less of coherence is the result. Unity of purpose is the crying need of Christianity today.

The Christian warfare consists very largely and necessarily of individual combats, and the result is not always a victory. The Christian is warned to put on the whole armor of God, but he does not do so, and Satan soon discovers his vulnerable points, and attacks him there.

Let the Fall campaign find every Christian soldier wearing the whole armor of God. Let there be a unity of purpose in the work of societies within the church and of churches within the denomination. When that is secured we may hope for unity of purpose among denominations.

A word to our correspondents. Fall plans for winter work are now in order, and we trust you will report the plans so far as they come to your notice. Other churches are interested to know what your church is planning to do, and likewise you may find their plans suggestive. Please bear this in mind too. We are anxious to have a report from you EVERY MONTH, even if it contains but a few items.

During the summer months our reports from the churches have been somewhat meagre, but many of the churches have kept actively at work right through the heated term. They deserve great credit for their persistency. In some of the churches there was no alternative but to cease activities, as so many of the workers were away.

Welcome home, Pastors all! Your rest has been well earned and your travels and recreation will doubtless be reflected in your sermons for some time to come. Good, that's what your people wanted when they let you go. Your study does not contain quite all the material for a bright, uplifting sermon.

The Farmington Avenue Congregational Church now takes its place among city churches, and in location and equipment it has wonderful possibilities before it.

It is aimed to make of it particularly a "home" church, an aim fully justifiable, and which will not prevent it from being a potent factor in the religious life of Hartford and outside.

Our best wishes to the church and to

the Pastor, Rev. Mr. Love. May Pastor and people work together harmoniously for the upbuilding of the new church.

The Rev. Harry E. Peabody of New Haven, who accepted the call to the pastorate of the Windsor Avenue Congregational Church, will begin his duties September 17. Mr. Peabody has been the assistant pastor at the Church of the Redeemer in New Haven, and in his early ministry was engaged in home missionary work in Colorado. We hope to give a personal sketch and portrait of Mr. Peabody in our next number.

In our last issue an unusual number of typographical errors occurred, for which we wish to apologize. Not the least annoying of them was the article on Dr. Lamson which called forth the following comment from the "Hartford Courant":

"An appreciative and carefully written notice of the late pastor of the Center Church which appears in the 'Church Review' this month, signed 'S. P. D.,' is headed 'Dr. Samson,' and the error is repeated all through the article wherever the name is given. The unintentional mistake, however, is not altogether inappropriate as it will revive recollections of the deceased pastor's strength before the people and in the church."

What a relief it will be when the ruins of the old Pearl Street Church are finally cleared away. It has been anything but an agreeable sight to see the partially wrecked tower with its entrance blocked by theatrical bill boards.

Forefathers' Day, as the phrase is used in our Christian churches, means the Lord's day nearest to the 22d day of October (the birthday of Alexander Campbell), which this year will be October 22d itself. The purpose of Forefathers' Day is twofold: To make the young people among the Disciples of Christ familiar with the purposes and achievements of our pioneers, and to enlist them in a co-operative effort to evangelize every part of our own country through the agency of the American Missionary Society.

At a band concert on the common, one day, two "up-country" men were watching the performance of a trombone solo. One of them suddenly seized his companion's arm. "For the good land sakes, Jim, look there!" "Look where!" asked Jim. "Look there! See, he's done it again!" "Done what?" asked Jim. "Why, crowded more'n half that tarnation horn inter his mouth! Look—there she goes agin! Did you ever see the beet?"

The great problem we have now on hand is the Christianizing of the money power of the world. That tide-wave in the money power can as little be resisted, when God brings it on, as the tides of the sea.—Horace Bushnell, D. D.

MISSIONARY NOTES.

The Church of England Missionary Society was one hundred years old on April 16. On that day in 1799 a small number of clergymen and laymen assembled at a hotel in London and organized the Society which since has grown to the largest missionary society in the world. For the first fifty years quite a number of German and Swiss missionaries were in its employ; now there are enough Englishmen and English women, many of whom belong to the nobility and gentry of the realm, to offer their services.

A rather unusual feature for a college commencement was the missionary service held this year at Amherst. It was presided over by a missionary who had been for fifty-four years in the field, and was honored by the presence of another missionary who had been in foreign service for seventy years.

All the boards of Protestant missionary societies have been invited to appoint delegates to the International Missionary Conference, to be held in New York, April 21 to May 1, A. D. 1900.

The persecutors of Bishop Tugwell, who was arrested for criminal libel for saying that seventy-five per cent of the deaths among Europeans on the west coast of Africa were due to excessive drinking, have concluded to subside, and the bishop has been released. Doubtless the facts were too strong for the trade.

TEMPERANCE NOTES.

The law of supply and demand does not govern the liquor traffic for the reason that one of the vicious properties of alcoholic drink is the creation of a demanding appetite. A created appetite does not stop when created. It grows continually.—Sacred Heart Review.

New Zealand has a law compelling every intoxicated man to have his photograph taken. His picture is then distributed among the barkeepers and innkeepers, and they must refuse to sell him liquor.

It is a significant fact that one of the first steps taken by General Wood on his return to Santiago, toward stamping out yellow fever, was to order the closing of all American bars and saloons in the city, and prohibiting the sale of strong drinks to Americans.

What wonders might be wrought in redeeming the word from sin if every Christian were filled with the same spirit for doing good which possessed the Japanese convert who put upon his door every morning the following notice: "I am a Christian, and if any one likes to go in and read my good book while I am out, he may."



HARTFORD C. E. UNION.

President's Note Book.

It is time to "get in line" now for the fall campaign. The Union Directors held a meeting Tuesday evening, the attendance at which was encouragingly large. The suggested uniform topics, published by the United Society, were considered and adopted, so far as the coming annual meeting is concerned. By the way, we have a special interest in these topics, for they are formulated by a committee, appointed at Detroit, of which our State President, Mr. Spooner, was chairman. The subject of our next meeting will be "A Forward March Meeting." The meeting will be held at the Fourth Church, October 4th, afternoon and evening. The afternoon session will be chiefly business, but one division of the topic will be considered; "Forward March in our Society," with short papers by several endeavorers.

At the evening session there will be an open parliament on the other divisions of the subject, namely "In our Union," and "For Missions." The banner will be rewarded and there will be an address, after which will come the consecration service, with roll call by Societies.

Let me ask your attention for a moment to the finances of the Union. Only about one half of our societies have paid any attention to the letter of the Finance Committee, issued last spring. A circular is just going out to those societies which did not respond to the first. While we have no authority to levy an assessment or compel any Society to contribute, a sense of justice and equity demands that all should take a share of the financial burden. Will not you who read this, make a point to enquire whether your society has contributed to the Union this year; and if not, have a sum voted now.

Yours in C. E.,

Nelson B. Bassett, President.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR PRAYER-MEETING TOPICS.

(From the Presbyterian C. E. Manual.)

September 10.—An early Christian Endeavorer.—2 Tim. 3: 10-17.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

The way of life is an easy path for youthful feet.

A man never can escape from the influences of his childhood.

They whom we count too young to be Christians will soon count themselves too old to be Christians.

Jesus is more readily understood by a child than by a sage.

The earlier we confess Christ the longer we have to serve him.

The Scriptures are inscribed most easily on tenderest hearts.

Better pure than pardoned. We need make no excursions into the far country to learn the Father's love.

September 17.—Unhesitating confidence in Christ.—2 Tim. 1: 12.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

There need be no weak Christians, since Christ is omnipotent.

Boldness is born of belief in Christ.

He who has never failed the uncounted hosts now in glory will never fail us.

The love that guards a sparrow's flight will surely keep the souls for which Christ died.

Christ has been our help and is still our hope.

Sometimes God has to remove earth's props before his children will lean on him.

Our strength is only in Christ's strength.

Christ is either worthy of all confidence or unworthy of any confidence.

Our own ignorance should lead us to rely upon Christ's wisdom.

He who won us to himself can keep us close by himself.

All dangers are included in the danger of separation from Christ.

Faith forgets self, but remembers Christ.

Care for Christ's approval makes us indifferent to the world's opinion.

September 24.—Gideon's band.—Judges 7: 1-23.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

The strength of God's army is that it is his army.

God needs not numbers as much as faith.

They belong to Gideon's band who are willing to fight against odds for God.

Every faith-filled man carries with him into the fight a trumpet with which to sound victory.

We fight in vain without the sword of the Lord.

God's majorities are not measured by numbers but by faith.

A battle is half won when we believe in our success and in our Leader.

God will always lead the trusting heart in a plain path.

He does not belong to Gideon's band who will sacrifice principle for popularity.

Great victories are achieved by great faith.

God's enemies are always cowardly, because they are his enemies.

The highest honor that a soldier wins is to be chosen for the hardest work.

Our eyes should see not the size of the enemy, but the strength of our Captain.

October 1.—Our own church: what can we do for her?—Psa. 122: 1-9.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

We love our church, not only because she is our church, but because

she is Christ's church.

They best serve Christ who serve him through his church.

To criticise the church is to insult the church's Founder and Master.

All the rest of the universe together is of less value than the church, for she alone has been sealed by Christ's blood.

Faithfulness to her services is our first duty to our church.

Prayer for the pastor is service for the church.

The angels see no obscure places of service in the church.

To keep harmony among the members is to glorify the body.

We must give our gold, but only because we have given ourselves.

We may lead men to Christ by leading them to church.

Love and loyalty to our own church are proper expressions of love and loyalty to Christ.

October 8.—Work where Christ tells you to. John 21: 1-6.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

When we work for Christ we must let him be Master.

Christ's commands are always accompanied by ability.

Every Christian who obeys orders is in a true mission field.

Lips that cannot preach can pray.

Christ wants Christians to work through his church.

Every post of duty is God's appointment.

More than our best we cannot give; less than our best we dare not give.

When we work under his orders we work with the Master.

Any position in the King's service is honorable.

If we are willing to run little errands for God here he will give us greater errands in the hereafter.

God has tasks for Christians that angels could not do.

Good work cannot be done in the wrong place.

Our nets and always full when we cast them as Christ bids us.

October 15.—Lost opportunities.—Jer. 8: 20; Matt. 23: 37-39; Heb. 12: 17.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

Sufficient unto each day is the duty thereof.

Opportunities used increase.

Neglected to-days make us unready for to-morrows.

An opportunity lost is really a part of life lost.

We shall find our lost opportunities at the judgment day.

The saddest sorrow of life is remorse.

Opportunities are God's invitations.

To waste opportunities is to waste everything.

Opportunities are the rounds in the ladder of life.

Opportunities used are power created.

A brave habit of life is formed by meeting each day's opportunities.

Opportunities are all duties.

Opportunities neglected are commands disobeyed.

Some day we must face the opportunities that we neglect to face now.

"FOR THE CHURCH."

We young people cannot do much for the church, but our doing what we can for her will do much for us.

The foundation of all work for the church is love for the church.

You cannot do effective work for a church in which you do not thoroughly believe. Saturate yourself with the doctrines of your denomination.

One of the very best ways of working for the church is to set others to work for it.

There never was a prayer-meeting so large that there was not room in it for the young people, if they took part promptly and briefly.

Never criticise the church in any point until you have done your best to remedy that defect; for after that you will not want to criticise.

Our talk about the church will very quickly be changed if we stop talking about "what *they* ought to do" and talk about what we ought to do."—Amos R. Wells.

Bishop Tugwell, of the English Church Missionary Society at Lagos, West Africa, in a letter to the "London Times," reports that enormous quantities of gin, rum, and brandy are pouring into British West Africa through Lagos, Akassa, Bonny, and other ports. He affirms that within a few days of the time of his writing thousands of cases of intoxicants had been stocked on the wharves of the merchants. Drinking habits are being formed, not only among the heathen and Mohammedans, but among the better classes. Seventy-five per cent of the deaths amongst Europeans are attributed to their drinking habits. While some of the British officials seem to oppose the traffic, they do it ineffectually. An enormous revenue is derived from the traffic, but the moral degradation is still more enormous. The bishop says: "It is a shameful and horrible hypocrisy to boast of our imperial greatness and suffer such evils to go unchecked." In an appeal to Christian Englishmen to take some prompt and definite action in the matter, he calls for the prohibition of the importation of spirits in districts where the trade has not yet been introduced, and that in other districts the duty on the imports shall be raised so that the price shall become practically prohibitive. That this letter of Bishop Tugwell's in the "Times" has greatly aroused the British traders in Lagos is evidenced by the fact that they have brought an action for libel against him on his return to Africa. The committee of the Church Missionary Society has hastened to assure the bishop of their sympathy and of their readiness to accept the pecuniary responsibility for his defense. Possibly the stir thus made will serve to arouse a proper public sentiment for the suppression of the evil.

After all, the home training—particularly the *early* home training—is of greater importance than everything else in the life of a man or woman. If

I had to choose the most important legacy that I would leave a son or daughter, next to integrity of character I would place refinement—culture of mind and of manners. These should be taught in our schools; but they are best inculcated in the home, where the child gets its first impressions, its first habits, and where the example placed before it counts for everything. If elegance of thought and of expression and of manners could be made the highest consideration in every home and by every member, I would have little further concern, for I believe a universal happiness and loftiness of character would be well nigh assured. Practical knowledge of human nature and a broad-minded sympathy that will permit no injustice or uncharitable censure, true refinement, (the highest evidence of which is consideration for others)—I had rather give these traits to a boy or girl than to bequeath to them much silver, yea, than to give them much fine gold.—Woman's Work.

That which we work for and win by earnest effort is doubly our own and carries with it its wisdom. Thus a man who inherits a fortune seldom puts it to the best or wisest uses. In order to learn the wise and beneficent use of money one must have toiled for it coin by coin, must have some time suffered the want of it. A man born with a golden spoon in his mouth never tastes either pain or happiness as these are known to the common man. He has not felt the great danger of desire which gives to fulfillment its exquisite flavor. Not having struggled in the fight, he knows nothing of the joy of victory.—Woman's Home Companion.

As I understand it," said the heathen, "you propose to civilize me?"

"Exactly so."

"You mean to get me out of habits of idleness and teach me to work?"

"That is the idea."

"And then lead me to simplify my methods and invent things to make my work lighter?"

"Yes."

"And next I will become ambitious to get rich, so that I won't have to work at all?"

"Naturally."

"Well, what's the use of taking such a roundabout way of getting just where I started; I don't have to work now."—Washington Star.

"George!" exclaimed Mrs. Fangle.

"Don't bother me," replied Fangle; "I'm reading an absorbing article."

"What is it about?"

"Sponges."—New York Times.

"Your replies are very tart," said the young husband. Then he hastily added: "But they are not as tart as those that mother made."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

While in Detroit, Mr. Moody had told about his work of sending religious literature to prisoners. "How many of you believe in this work? Hold up your hands." Up went a forest of hands. "That's right. Now put them down into your pockets, quick."—Christian Intelligence.

If a man does not make new acquaintances as he advances in life, he will soon find himself left alone. A man should keep his friendship in constant repair.—Johnson.

There is no single day of the week which is not accepted by some portion of the human race as the "day of rest." For example, Christians, Sunday; Greeks, Monday; Persians, Tuesday; Assyrians, Wednesday; Egyptians, Thursday; Turks, Friday; Jews, Saturday.

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DR. LAMSON.

In the death of Dr. Lamson the musical interests of Hartford have suffered a great loss. Dr. Lamson was not a musician in the technical sense of the word, but his spirit was catholic, and he had a subtle appreciation of the relation of music to the whole service of worship that in a peculiar degree fitted him for perfecting the service of his church, thus making and establishing a "Vesper Service" which, for artistic symmetry and real spiritual elevation, stands unique in the history of the Congregational Church.

Dr. Lamson was greatly aided in perfecting this service by his organist, Mr. N. H. Allen. He was also very fortunate in being placed over a people sympathetic, able and generous in financial matters. The Old Center Church has been and is a power in New England Congregationalism. It has set the pace in works of charity. It has made a brilliant record in earnest preaching. It has come the nearest to harmonizing the practical life with the artistic and spiritual life of man. We are apt to think a man unfortunate who is called to drop his life work just when his powers seem to be at their best; just when we think he is most needed; just when to us it appears he has most to live for. But on reflection we could not choose a more propitious time.

We miss Dr. Lamson in Hartford.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Mrs. A.—Hartford.

The oldest polyphonic composition in existence is said to be "Summer is icumen in." Different dates are given for its composition. You will find in "Grove's Dictionary of Music and Musicians" a sufficiently exhaustive article on this composition and probably all the information you desire.

Master John—Higganum.

The Clavichord and the Harpsichord were both in use before the Pianoforte was invented. The earliest reliable mention of the Clavichord is 1404. The Harpsichord was the most important keyed instrument which preceded the pianoforte. The oldest Harpsichord in the South Kensington Museum is dated 1574.

The firm of Chickering of Boston was established in 1823.

The firm of "Steinway and Sons" was established in 1853. Both houses make good instruments. At this time the Chickering piano is without question the finest instrument made in America. But in this age of almost unlimited funds, and of skilled workmen by the thousand, it is foolish and childish to talk of any one maker as the *only one*.

Miss A.—Farmington.

The Etudes by Kessler, op. 20, are valuable, and can be introduced to advantage after the Gradus, by Clementi. In the revised edition, by Bussmeyer, 9 of the original studies are omitted, which leaves quite enough of this grade of work for you before op. 2 and 5 by Heuselt. Your knowledge of the literature for the piano will be extended by much reading. But your executive ability depends upon your methods of practice. The two things should be thoroughly understood and should be constantly in mind.

Steele's School of Music has secured the services of Mr. E. A. Leopold as teacher of the development of the voice. Mr. Leopold has already proved himself a most successful master of this interesting art. Those who study under his direction are sure of making intelligent progress.

ADVICE TO YOUNG MUSICIANS, BY ROBERT SCHUMANN.

Endeavor to play easy pieces well and beautifully; that is better than to play difficult pieces indifferently well.

Let your associates be chosen from such as are better informed than yourself.

Do not think velocity or passage-playing your highest aim.

Try to produce such an impression with a piece of music as was intended by the composer; all further exertions are caricatures.

Without enthusiasm nothing great can be effected in art.

Do not miss an opportunity of practising music in company with others: as for example, in Duets, Trios, etc.; this gives you a flowing and elevated style of playing, and self-possession. Frequently accompany singers.

A NEW STRING QUARTETTE.

If Hartford has no orchestra, which it should have, it is pleasant to know that it has a good string quartette.

Mr. Franz Milcke, the well-known violinist, has associated with him Miss Emma Spieske, second violin; Miss Bertha Spieske, viola, and Mr. Wm. H. Miller, violincello.

These young people are working as a quartette with the intention of bringing our works, new and old, which are calculated to educate the ear in this charming domain of music.

This should be the beginning of a fine orchestra, and if those who love good music will give a reasonable exhibition of sympathy we may soon have a symphony orchestra.

DEGENERATION.

The two youths looked into a cage of monkeys.

Through their nostrils puffs of smoke came forth at regular intervals from white-wrapped cigarettes.

Their heads were nicely balanced by a wealth of hair parted exactly in the middle.

Light bamboo canes grasped firmly in the middle showed that they were full-grown men.

"See," said one, "what we have descended from."

And they looked into the cage of monkeys and laughed.

The mother monkey called her children about her.

They climbed gravely on the porch to listen to her words.

She pointed to the young men.

"See," said the mother monkey, "what some of our ancestors have degenerated into."

And the children monkeys returned to their corners and wept.—Chicago Record.

JOKES.

Policeman—Come along, now, quietly, or it will be the worse for you.

O'Toole—O'll not. The magistrate told me last time niver to be brought before him again, an' begorra, I'm going to obey his instructions.—Washington Post.

"Good morning! I am here to tune your piano."

"My piano! I did not order a piano tuner."

"No, but the gentleman across the way did."—Fliegende Blaetter.

The Mistress—Mary, don't let me catch you kissin that butcher again.

Lor', mum, I don't mean to, but you do bob aroun' so!—Kansas City Independent.

"What's the bride's front name?" asked the license clerk.

"Aw, now, really, I don't know." replied the Count. "Ye see, her father's attending to all the details, my dear fellow."—Philadelphia North American.

Teacher—Now, boys, after reading the story of David and Goliath can you think of any person in history who could be compared to little David?

Willie—Yes'm; Jack the Giant Killer.

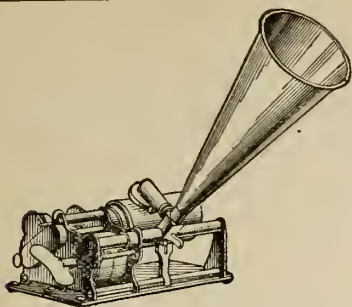
When they wrote on stones. Egyptian Poet (angrily)—"Then why don't you return my manuscript?"

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WHAT CONSTITUTES A HEALTHY MAN.

One of our medical contemporaries, The Texas Medical News, thus sums up the qualities which constitute a perfectly healthy man. He should have a strong, healthy heart; one not weak from disuse or the excessive use of tobacco, alcohol, or other causes; lungs well developed and that expand rhythmically with ample breathing space for health and a surplus for work or disease; muscles well rounded and elastic, made hard and strong by use and carrying, like the camel's hump, reserve energy for trying journeys; nerves, nature's electric wires properly insulated and connected, bringing all the various organs of the body into one perfect system, and all under the control of a brain of just proportions, well balanced and convoluted, not soft from disuse or destroyed for the need of rest; educated for the high duties it was intended to perform, not only to stand guard over and protect the health and life of the individual, but at the same time to furnish feeling and thought and pleasure for the human being. All of these organs, when properly constructed and adjusted and perfect in every detail, go to make up a healthy individual and one possessing within himself a power of resistance not easily overcome by disease producing organisms.

"VEGETARIAN" MISUNDERSTOOD.

Dr. J. H. Kellogg says: The term "vegetarian" is almost a misnomer as commonly applied to vegetarians by non-vegetarians. Even the dictionaries have accepted the popular misconception, and by their authority add to the confusion. For nothing short of confusion is produced when a vegetarian declares to his friends that he does not eat vegetables. Now a vegetarian may or may not eat vegetables. Generally he does, when he first becomes a vegetarian, but very often as he progresses in the knowledge of the value of foods, he comes to a point where he thinks it economy to labor to live on fruits and grains and nuts, discarding vegetables as not worth the trouble of consumption and digestion. Then he wishes that people more generally understood the meaning of the word "vegetarian."

The root word from which this term was taken is the latin *vegeo*, which means "I thrive; I am lively, vigorous, brisk, active; I am in good condition." As the vegetarian remarks, "it had nothing to do with the subjective idea of vegetables, but it signifies an objective point toward which the early

pioneers of the movement attained by means of certain reforms in food and drink and hygiene generally."

The word *vegeo* is allied to the word *veho*, to proceed or advance, from which our word "vehicle" is derived. And this again has its root in *vis*, signifying strength, power, force, vigor. The adjective of the word *vegeo* is *vegetus*, which means quick, fresh, lively, vigorous, sprightly.

Vegetarianism then, does not imply vegetables, but vigor. It suggests that its adherents are determined to pursue that course of life, and that alone, which best promises to make them strong, quick and forceful. Withal, vegetarianism affords them the means of carrying out this determination.—Good Health.

BAD TASTE IN THE MOUTH.

The bad taste in the mouth experienced when waking in the morning is often due to the presence of germs, the products of which accumulate while the person is sleeping. When one is awake the constant secretion keeps them cleared away. Better care of the teeth is necessary. If there are any decayed teeth they should be attended to and a tooth brush should be used freely and frequently, especially at night. The proper use of drinking water and care as to diet, are means that should be relied upon. In dealing with germs in the body, however, we should always remember that they grow where there is low vitality. People who are all run down usually have a bad taste regardless of how clean they keep the mouth or how careful they may be in diet, because germs always act where the tissues of the body are not able to drive them away and counteract their influence. This latter class of people will get rid of the bad taste when they improve the general health.

THE COATED TONGUE.

It is astonishing how long this breeding ground for all manner of germs of fermentation and disease, which is often produced by nasal catarrh, has remained unnoticed in this age of antiseptic philosophy. The cleaning of the tongue should be recommended and practiced as a hygienic procedure. No doubt there is a constant stream of germs of all sorts carried into the stomach from this foul coating of the tongue, infecting the alimentary canal as well as the blood....The most common cause of "bad breath" is the decomposition of this coating on the tongue. By thoroughly scraping off all loose matter and disinfecting the surface, the odor will be removed, provided the teeth have also been cleaned.

The city government of St. Petersburg has been so alarmed at the ravages of drunkenness, that 25,000 saloons in that city have been closed, and only 5,000 under the control of the state, have been substituted for them, and certain limits have been placed upon the amount of liquor sold in them.



WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

Although some of the members had not returned from their vacations, the first meeting of the W. C. T. U. was well attended Sept. 5th. All seemed enthusiastic to begin a new year's work. The State Convention and the local Annual meeting come this year upon the same date, therefore it was voted to hold the annual meeting on Sept. 19th. Reports of work by the Union and by Superintendents of Departments will then be given and officers for the coming year will be elected.

The twenty-fourth annual convention of the Connecticut Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held in the Congregational Church, Valley St., Willimantic, Oct. 3, 4, 5, 1899. The convention opens at 1:30 p. m., Tuesday, closing at the same hour on Thursday.

Miss Jessie A. Ackerman, the most distinguished traveller among women and one of the White Ribbon Round-the-World Missionaries, will give an address on Wednesday evening and be present to assist during the entire convention. It is hoped that Miss Laura Smith of Berlin, lately returned from Africa, will also be present and make an address.

Reduced return certificates on all branches of the consolidated railroad will be given to all delegates and visitors. At convention, visitors can purchase meals at 20 cents apiece and are cordially invited to both day and evening meetings.

SHELTER FOR WOMEN.

The work of the Shelter is not monotonous, so many different cases come to us almost daily for help in some form. We realize how much we need help from above as we minister to these cases, some of them very sad indeed.

Have had a number of visits from girls who were formerly with us, and who are now earning their own living and are doing well.

A number of the young people from the Institute for the Blind, gave a very pleasing entertainment recently.

Miss Eddy and Mrs. Reed of the Fourth Church have led our Friday morning meetings during the month of August.

Miss Hadley is away on her vacation. During her absence she will visit Norwalk, New York and Providence.

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It moved, and yielded to my will.

I came again, when days were past;
The bit of clay was hard at last;
The form I gave it still it bore,
And I could change the form no more.

I took a piece of living clay,
And gently formed it day by day,
And molded, with my power and art,
A young child's soft and yielding heart.

I came again when years were gone;
It was a man I looked upon;
He still that early image wore,
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"I should spank whoever did it," said Mrs. Banks, gazing severely at her little son.

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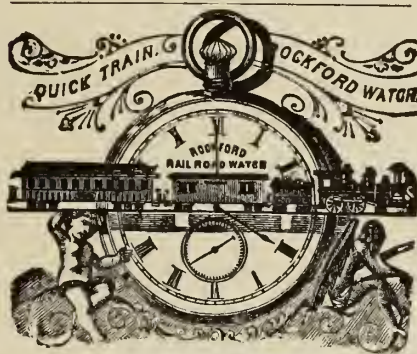
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Reserve, Unpaid Losses, (Inland),	.	169,504.88
Other Claims,	.	104,682.85
Net Surplus,	.	4,808,846.75
Total Assets,	.	\$12,627,621.45
Surplus as to Policy Holders,	-	\$8,808,846.75

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The September "Century" is a Salt-Water Number. The special feature of the magazine is the first of a series of four papers in which Captain Joshua Slocum narrates, in a humorous and individual style, the story of his successful circumnavigation of the globe, alone, in a forty-foot sloop, the *Spray*, constructed by himself. In "The Way of a Ship" Frank T. Bullen tells of the peculiarities, good or bad, of certain ships on which he has gone down to the sea; and in "Salvage," Morgan Robertson turns to good account, as a fiction writer, the intimate knowledge of things nautical acquired in ten years before the mast. "The Atlantic Speedway," and the possibility of making it safer, engage the attention of H. Phelps Whitmarsh author of "The World's Rough Hand." "Where a Day is Lost or Gained," is the paradoxical title of an article by Benjamin E. Smith on the international date-line in the Pacific. The annals of Chinese piracy have been ransacked to good purpose by John S. Sewell, who writes of "The Scourge of the Eastern Seas;" and New England family papers have been turned to equally good account in Robert S. Rantoul's "Voyage of the Quero," the true story of how the news of Concord and Lexington was carried to King George.

The September issue of "The Ladies' Home Journal" is an unusually attractive number. On the first page is given a series of pictures of "The Wayside Inn of Sudbury Town," made famous by Longfellow. Barton Cheyney contributes an instructive article on "the Young Man and the Professions," telling young men how to take up the study of law, medicine, architecture, etc. Charles T. Brodhead has an illustrated article on "The East-Side Girl of New York," and Patti Lyle Collins tells "Why Six million Letters Go Astray Every Year." Neltje Blanchan contributes her seventh paper on "Nature's Garden," telling of the wild flowers that bloom in September. These comprise but a few of the many valuable features of this number.

"Animal Jokes" is a collection of comic drawings, by Mrs. Mary Baker-Baker, to be published this fall by R. H. Russell. The readers of our comic papers are familiar with this artist's clever pictures, signed with the symmetrical, angular double B, and will be glad to find some of her work in picture-book form.

Story of the Princess des Ursins in Spain. By Constance Hill. 256 pages, 8 vo. New York: R. H. Russell. Price \$1.75.

The Princess des Ursins was for many years one of the several famous "powers behind the throne" of Louis XIV. She is worthy especially of her fame because, of her efforts to check the Inquisition in Spain. For many years her voluntary guardianship of Philip V, the weak minded king of Spain made her the practical ruler of that kingdom. It seems a very significant fact now, that the Princess lost her power by attempting reforms and improvements in the Spanish domains.

The life of the Princess was an eventful and interesting one and Miss Hill's excellent style and treatment of her subject makes this book a really valu-

s niana will quickly take them all up. The book is certainly a quaint little volume and the publishers deserve credit for preparing it so artistically.

The Dragoons of La Guerche. By Amedee Achard. 289 pages, 12 mo. New York: Howard, Ainslee & Co. Price \$1.25.

This is the fourth volume issued in this new and only English translation of Achard's French romances. The "Dragoons of La Guerche" is the sequel to "The Huguenot's Love," recently reviewed in these columns. The present book continues the fascinating careers of the two heroes of the former story. They are dashing, fearless and audacious young fellows and what they seek for they obtain—in spite of all the obstacles that are placed in their way.



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The Black Canyon. Not I, and other Stevensoniana. 16 pages, 32 mo. New York: M. F. Mansfield and A. Wessels.

There are some stray bits of Robert Louis Stevenson's writings printed in fac simile of the very rare first, or "author's edition"—that is, the edition written, illustrated, set up, printed and published by the author on a home press many years ago.

As only 450 copies of this fac simile edition have been printed there is no doubt but that collectors of Steven-

The "Thirty Years' War" is still further described in this book and history and fancy, fiction and fact are so dexterously interwoven that even the most unimaginative reader must find himself back in those days of stately and beautiful dames, and gallant knights-errant.

Five very handsome half-tones illustrations are in the volume. They are drawn by Everett Shinn. The translation is by Richard Duffy.

A Tent of Grace. By Adelina Cohnfeldt Lust. 398 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price \$1.50.

The scene of the story is a small village on the Rhine in Germany. A waif—a Jewish orphan girl—is rescued from some tormenting street Arabs by a Lutheran pastor who takes her home

and brings her up as one of his own children. But in time this girl, Jetta, and the pastor's son, fall in love with each other and become betrothed sweethearts, whereupon the whole village is aroused at the idea of a Christian marrying a Jewess, and begins a course of persecutions which ends with the violent death of the girl.

The story is an exceeding pathetic one and is likely to have a depressing effect on the reader. It is strongly written, however, and will probably soon be estimated one of the important novels of the season.

Brown, V. C. By Mrs. Alexander. 400 pages, 12 mo. New York: R. F. Fenno & Co. Price \$1.25.

When a man secures the Victoria Cross—as Brown did—one may be reasonably certain that there was character and personality and courage impelling the act that won the Cross. It was so in Brown's case. He was a plain being in some respects but he was every inch a man and he comes to London and goes perforce into society and falls in love, and the beauty of the rest of the romance can be imagined, or discovered by the reading of the book.

Mrs. Alexander is a well-known writer and a popular one with many people, and this new book will be read and enjoyed by some who know her best through "The Wooing O't."

From the Child's Standpoint. By Florence Hull Winterburn. 278 pages, 12 mo. New York: The Baker & Taylor Co. Price \$1.25.

The child has a standpoint. He watches for and sees many things that are not meant for him to see. A child deserves a vast deal more respect than has ever been accorded him. To an extent he should be catered to—you cannot make too close or confiding a friend of him.

The author of "Nursery Ethics," in the present collection of papers on child life and child nature, writes from a mother's rich experience. She is not a mere theorist but has an understanding and sympathetic insight into child character. It would be a grand thing if this could be said of every mother, but the fact that it cannot always be said proves the crying necessity for the lessons in this book.

The tone of the book is calm, kindly and inspiring. It is very readable and essentially practical. It should be read by teachers and parents everywhere, thoroughly and thoughtfully, and it will repay the reader in an unmeasurable degree.

In Vain. By Henryk Sienkiewicz. 237 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. Price \$1.25.

There are many people who can search out and read all the works of the popular writers of the day. There are many others who, reading only for recreation in their spare moments mean only to read what is interesting. Because these classes exist, "In Vain" is probably assured a large circulation. It is certainly readable and worth while.

Far from being one of the author's best stories, it is yet much stronger and valuable than some of his works which have recently become well known.

It is a tale of Polish student life in Kieff and a somewhat pathetic though pleasing love story is the basis of the work. We are informed that the author wrote the story while a student himself—and before having reached his nineteenth birthday.

America in the East. By Wm. Elliot Griffis. 244 pages, 12 mo. New York: A. S. Barnes & Co. Price \$1.50.

This is a brief but fairly comprehensive consideration of our history, prospects, problems and duties in the Pacific Ocean. It is written by one familiar with the ground, consequently his opinions should have the value given by experience, even if he were not pos-

adventurous and exciting careers than the subject of this biography.

Probably no one would know more of "Buffalo Bill's" life—more particularly of his early life—than his sister. The story is told with a great deal of enthusiasm—as is natural. While its literary value is not great, it is very readable, and will, for several reasons, undoubtedly have a large sale.

The drawings which are copiously scattered through the book, while interesting, are not in the least artistic. Such an assertion will not hold in referring to a new, special edition of the book which will be illustrated by Frederic Remington and E. W. Deming which is to be issued shortly.

The Pedagogues. By Arthur Stanwood Pier. 287 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Small, Maynard & Co. Price \$1.25.



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sessed of the calm and conservative judgment his previous works have shown him to possess.

Mr. Griffis takes issue with Mr. Benjamin Kidd's assertion that white men cannot live in the tropics. Mr. Griffis says they can.

The book is one of genuine intrinsic value. It will profit everyone who reads it. The illustrations, mostly from photographs, add greatly to the attractiveness of the volume.

The Last of the Great Scouts. By Helen Cody Wetmore. 267 pages. 8 vo. Duluth, Minn.: Duluth Press Publishing Co. For sale by Belknap & Warfield.

This is the life story of Col. W. F. Cody, ("Buffalo Bill") as told by his sister. It seems as though the men would be very few who have had more

This is a story of the Harvard Summer School for teachers, literary aspirants and others. Mr. George C. Gorch, a school principal from Peru, O., who is also an inspiring poet, in an unconventional way brings his betrothed, Jessie Deagle, to the Summer School with him. She very promptly imagines herself in love with one of the instructors and gives him numerous opportunities to propose to her—which he is clever enough not to do.

There are some very pleasing and well-depicted characters in the book and the story as a whole is well written. Some who like the hero and heroine to be united in the last chapter regardless of circumstances, will be well satisfied at the book's ending, while others will feel a profound sympathy for the hero that he marries such a light-headed, young person as Miss Jessie Deagle.

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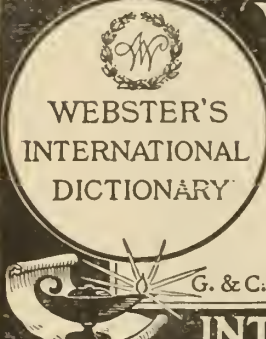
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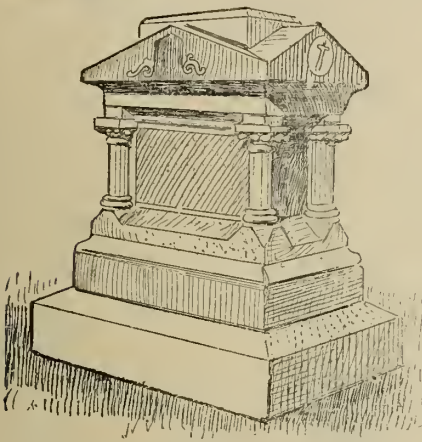
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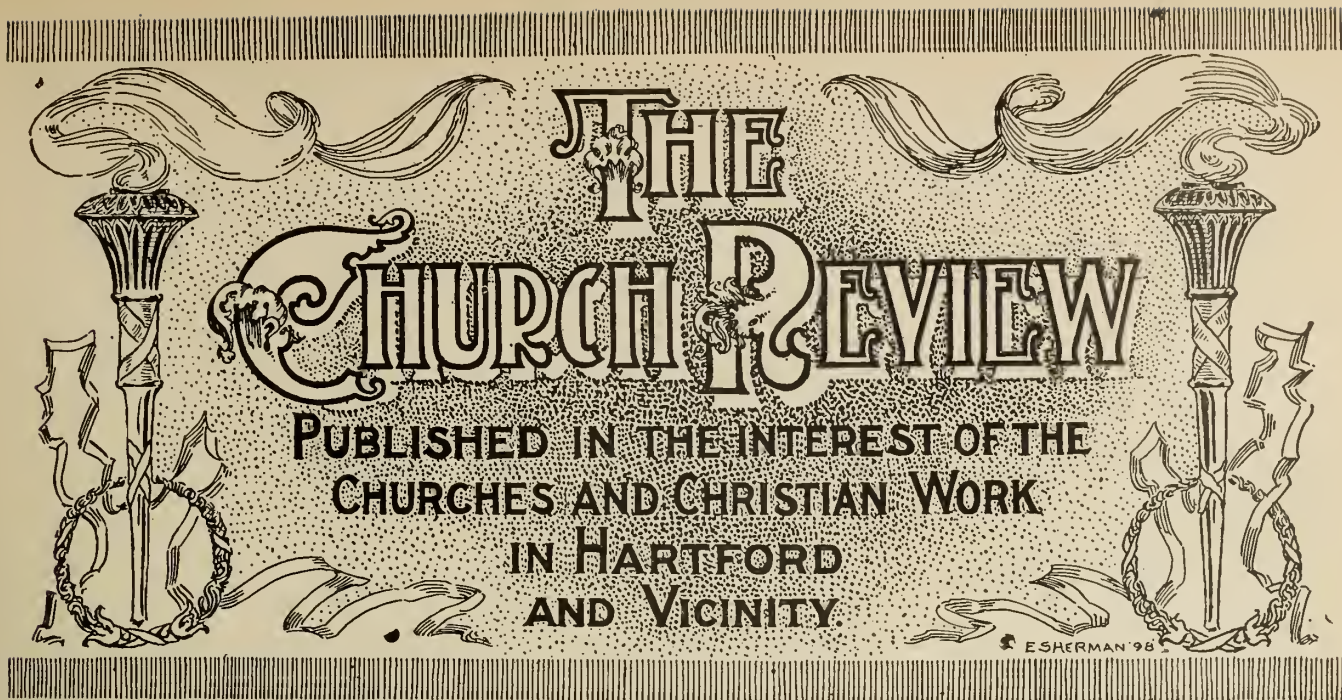
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And bright as the sails of a fairy boat
The walnut leaves take wing.
Now come, now come, far down the lane
The asters beckon, the robins call!
The shrunken brook grows broad again,
And leaps in a laughing waterfall.
Over the stile, and over the bridge,
Adown the path where the meek cows stray,
By glen and hollow and windy ridge
Let us follow the woodland way,
See! how the marvelous cloth of gold—
A Tyrian tapestry woven fine—
Wide as we wander is still unrolled,
Rustling under your feet and mine!
The breath of the woodland is joy to breathe—
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And clustering fruit where the wild vines wreath
The oak-tree's mossy tower.
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Through painted windows the sunbeams smile;
The hushed winds walk in pensive mood
Down many a solemn Gothic aisle,
The golden clouds hang low in air,
Wrapped in their folds the late sun rests;
And the tall trees stand as if in prayer
With their beards upon their breasts.
—Ida Whipple Benham.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE.

BY REV. JAMES W. BRADIN.

[Adapted from a sermon preached at the re-opening of St. John's Church, Sept. 24, 1899.]

*"I was glad when they said unto me,
We will go into the house of the Lord."*

The history of Christ's Kingdom has been: First, to proclaim the spirituality of His work—though always meeting man, living as he does in the midst of material things. Second, to proclaim and ever show by His teaching and life, what apostle and disciple in His day, and man ever since, has been so slow in learning, that His work is universal. Third, to call forth from man the expression of his interest in and love for this kingdom in all forms of self-sacrifice.

Hence, as in all stages of the history of religion, there has been in Christianity provision for the observance of those outward things, by which a man really shows that his religion costs him something.

Here, as in all man's religious history, there has been the privilege and duty opened to him of showing his devotion to God in external things. The early man lit his flame of sacrificial fire on some mountain peak or amid the solemn stillness of a grove or forest. The men after his day realized this religious instinct in temples—rituals, priesthoods. The Jew did the same but in his soul shone a clearer light as he took preparatory steps in the economy of God's plan towards ushering in that perfect light which was to be the deeper manifestation of God. The early Christian worshipped in catacombs, and caves. Their service was simple, their ritual plain.

Possibly three centuries passed ere a Christian church building was erected on the surface of the earth within the Roman Empire. But, here, as else-

where, the loving faith, and the earnest heart had to show forth its spirit of devotion.

Soon churches, hospitals, shelters for the outcasts and persecuted arose, and the earth was dotted on all sides with buildings that bespoke the desire of man to honor His God with his substance.

Man needs the presence of churches in his life. Decrease the number of the houses of God in the land, or close them all, and property and life would no longer be safe. Decrease the number of those who are attendants and a growth of lawlessness and immorality would ensue.

There are obvious reasons why the custom of church attendance, the neglect of which is now on the increase, should receive attention from thoughtful men and from others who are not inclined to reflect on their actions. Many a man, who absents himself from church, falls into his habit through love of ease, or self-indulgence. He little stops to consider his own action, nor dreams of how his act is influencing others. He owes it to his own self-interest to the safety and preservation of what he is, and has, that he support the church by his presence. The church on the lowest consideration stands for law, order and morality, and a man who aids it is only keeping so much money in his pocket, which otherwise he would have to pay for increased safety if churches were done away with.

Then there is the higher duty to self. Man in his whole nature is to be considered. His physical part needs rest, as well as action. This higher one needs spiritual and uplifting forces. The man who lives amid the grind of six days, with their materializing tendency, with no touch of anything to call him up, away, into the reach of higher things, may be said to exist. He certainly is not living, for life means all

the forces of our nature, either at their best or working up to it.

He has no sense of the sweetness, force and nobler sense of life, that must come to him, who puts himself in relations which cultivate and improve him.

There is lastly that duty he owes others and his God in the attendance on the Sunday services. Members one of another we surely are. There, as elsewhere, our stewardship of life's duties and privileges call for an account.

No man who carefully and faithfully kept up his Sunday worship ever failed to send out a bracing influence on others. Not his clergyman, but his fellow-laymen were cheered, made stronger by his presence.

Then in that duty we own Almighty God. The honoring of His name; the reverencing of His sanctuary; the attendance upon His worship; the hearing of His word; the joyful gathering together to send forth our mutual prayers; praise to Him; all these, while our just and due tribute to Him, who gives us life and all our blessings, are sources of help, and blessing to our own lives, to ourselves, to our homes, and those of our fellow-citizens. Trust me, these lives that are unfed, who are neglecting their church duties, are not only starving the nobler parts of their natures, they are hurting their own lives, and failing in that home example, which is better than all sermons.

REV. HARRY E. PEABODY.

Rev. Harry E. Peabody, the new Pastor of the Winslow Avenue Congregational Church was born 23 years ago in Princeton, on the St. Croix River, on the Eastern boundary of Maine. Brought up in the country village, at fifteen years of age he entered Phillips Exter Academy to prepare for Harvard College. After three years at Exter, he entered Harvard with the class of 1887 and was graduated with the class with a "magna cum laude" degree. He was a careful student and for four years full-back on the university foot-ball team. After graduating he went for a year to Minneapolis, Minn., where he was General Secretary of the Hennepin County S. S. Association, doing mission work in the city and farming districts. The next year he entered Yale Divinity School from which he was graduated in 1891.

His first pastorate was in Trinidad, Colorado, a town of about 8,000, surrounded by coal camps. Mr. Peabody was Pastor of the First Congregational Church there for five years, during which time he started a church in a camp five miles distant.

During his Trinidad Pastorate he married Miss Emily Clough of Cambridge, Mass. She is a graduate of Boston University and was at the time of their marriage teaching Mathematics in the New West Education Commission Academy in Trinidad.

Mr. Peabody was called from Trinidad to the assistant pastorate of the Church of the Redeemer in New Haven, Dr. Watson L. Phillips, Pastor.

He has been there for the last three years as Superintendent of a Church Mission House in the foreign district of the city.

Mr. Peabody assumed the duties of the pastorate Sept. 17th, and the examination by the council and installation as pastor will take place on Friday, Oct. 20th. Rev. Dr. W. L. Phillips of the Church of the Redeemer, New Haven, will preach the installation sermon, and the Rev. Harry R. Miles of Brattleboro, Vt., former pastor of the church, will offer the installing prayer.

The people of his parish express themselves as well pleased with their choice and think there is no doubt they have the right man to lead them in the work for this growing part of our city. Mr. Peabody is enthusiastic, evangelical, practical, and seems well adapted to win the hearts of all both old and young and to preach the everlasting gospel in such manner as to lead his hearers



REV. H. E. PEABODY.

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THE FARMINGTON AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

The first practical steps toward the organization of the Pearl Street Congregational Church, now known as the Farmington Avenue Congregational Church, were taken on the evening of Jan. 17, 1851 when an informal meeting was held to discuss the matter. The following gentlemen were interested in the enterprise: James B. Hosmer, Stephen Spencer, Olcott Allen, Thomas Smith, Tertius Wadsworth, Chas. Goodwin, L. C. Ives, Newton Case, Noah Wheaton, John L. Boswell, Jos. Church, Albert W. Butler, David F. Ribinson, Wm. W. Turner, Nelson Hollister, Sheldon P. Thacher, Charles Boswell, Russell G. Talcott, Samuel S.

Ward, John Warburton, and Burgis P. Starr.

The reason given for the organization of a new Congregational church was the crowded condition of other churches of the denomination in the city, and the steady growth in population, and the fact that many families were without any church home whatever.

On Mar. 3, 1851, a meeting of those interested was held at Center Church, and on Mar. 28, 1851, the Pearl Street Ecclesiastical Society was formally organized, the members coming from the Center, South and North Congregational Churches.

On June 20, 1851, the site on Pearl street came into the possession of the Society.

Plans for the new church were drawn by Minard Lafever of New York, and the building contract was awarded to Noah Wheaton, who commenced work about July 1, 1851.

The corner stone was laid Aug. 2, 1851, Rev. Wm. W. Turner delivering the address. The edifice was ready for use in December, 1852. Several additions were made at subsequent periods.

The church was formerly organized Oct. 15, 1852, with ninety-six members, of whom only four survive. The first Pastor, Rev. Elias R. Beadle, was called Oct. 21, 1852, and on Dec. 1, 1852, he was installed, and the church was dedicated. Dr. Beadle was dismissed at his own request Mar. 18, 1863. Rev. Jonathan L. Jenkins was the next Pastor, his installation taking place Apr. 13, 1864. His pastorate terminated Dec. 4, 1866. He was succeeded by Rev. Wm. Leonard Gage, who was installed Feb. 26, 1869. Dr. Gage's ministry closed Apr. 6, 1884.

The present Pastor, Rev. Wm. De Loss Love, was installed May 6, 1885, and he became the first Pastor of the new church.

The removal of the church to a more favorable location was first suggested in March, 1897, and received the unanimous approval of the Providential Committee of the church.

On the evening of Apr. 10, 1897, a meeting of the Ecclesiastical Society was held and the question of removal was discussed and acted upon by the appointment of a committee of five, consisting of Wm. P. Williams, Jonathan B. Bunce, Leverett Brainard, Henry H. Goodwin and Charles R. Burt. This committee was given full authority to sell the church edifice and site on Pearl street, and to purchase a new site in the western part of the city. The property was advantageously disposed of by the committee, and a new site selected, and upon the approval of the church, was purchased. It is a fine location on the north-east corner of Farmington avenue and Woodland street.

On July 19, 1897, a building committee was appointed, which afterward selected Ernest Flagg of New York for the architect for the new edifice. There was some delay in completing the plans, and the corner stone was not laid until July 2, 1898.

On this interesting occasion appropriate ceremonies were held, the principal address being made by Judge Nathaniel Shipman.

On June 25, 1899, Rev. Mr. Love preached a memorial sermon in the Pearl Street Church, reciting the events of its history.

The last service in the church was held Sunday, July 2, 1899. Shortly after it was torn down.

On June 29, 1899, the name of the church organization was changed to the Farmington Avenue Congregational Church.

The first service in the new church was held Sunday, Sept. 10, 1899, Rev. Mr. Love preaching a sermon on "The Church Home" from the text Prov. 27: 8.

As will be seen from the illustration on the front cover of this paper, the architecture of the new church is unique. It has been subjected to some criticism, but is daily growing in favor as it becomes a more familiar object. It is a handsome structure and an ornament to that section of the city in which it is built.

It is cruciform in plan, the chapel being attached to the upper arm of the cross, and the parish house adjoins the chapel on the side towards Woodland street. At either side of the Farmington avenue end, where the entrance is located, is a low tower. The one on the left forms a porte cochere, with an entrance to the main vestibule. The one on the right contains a vestibule and staircase leading to the gallery.

At the intersection of the upper arm of the cross and the arm towards Woodland street is placed the main bell tower. In this tower is an entrance and staircase to the chapel, parish house and Sunday-school rooms. The crossing of the nave and transepts, forms an octagonal space, which is covered by a low dome, while the nave and transepts are covered by barred vaults, having penetrations. The dome and vaults are enriched by plaster ornaments in relief. The organ is located in the upper arm back of the pulpit, and this arrangement forms a very imposing feature of the interior of the church. The pulpit is brought well forward, so that the preacher may be seen from every sitting. The transept ends are occupied by large windows, having mullions forming tracery. At the lower end of the nave is the gallery, having similar windows.

There is a seating capacity of 700 on the main floor and 100 in the gallery. The ceiling above the side aisles is connected with the main auditorium by elliptical arches between the piers.

All the decorations in the church are pure white, except the back rails of the pews, which are mahogany. The architecture is best described as modern. The roofs are rather flat and the windows have segmental and elliptical heads. The material is brick.

The chapel has a seating capacity of 300. The Primary Sunday-school is located below the chapel in a level with the main auditorium. The main Sunday-school will be held in the chapel,

which contains a broad gallery divided into compartments for classes. Attached to the chapel is the parish house, which contains in the first floor the pastor's study and the ladies' parlor, and on the second floor a dining-room and kitchen. The basement under the edifice is used for coal and the heating and ventilating apparatus.

The doorway at the Woodland street entrance was given by Mrs. Wm. P. Williams, in memory of her husband, Deacon Williams, who was chairman of the building committee, and who died Sept. 18, 1898.

Mrs. W. W. Converse donated the handsome communion table and the pulpit chairs.

The deacon's chairs are the gift of Mrs. Nathaniel Shipman.

The front is a memorial to the children who were baptized in the Pearl Street Church.

There are memorial tablets to Dr. Beadle and Dr. Gage, former Pastors.

The pulpit in the chapel is the gift of former Chinese pupils at the Pearl Street Church.

An imposing and important feature of the church is the organ, of which an account will appear in the November Church Review. Mr. Benj. W. Loveland is the organist and vocal music is furnished by a quartet.

The church is located on a slight elevation above the street, and is on a corner which provides an excellent view.

The dedication will take place Tuesday evening, Oct. 31st. The sermon will be preached by Rev. Dr. Jonathan L. Jenkins, the only surviving former Pastor, and the dedicatory prayer will be offered by Rev. Heber H. Beadle, son of the first Pastor of the church.

LEIF ERICSSON.

The Visit of the Vikings to America.

One of the most interesting monuments in Boston is the heroic figure of Leif Ericsson. One afternoon several years ago I walked out stately Commonwealth Avenue to this statue. Commonwealth Avenue extends from the beautiful Public Garden to the Back Bay park, known as the Fens. It is as wide as three ordinary streets, having a delightful tree-lined parkway running down the center. On this walk one comes across the statues of Hamilton, Glover (a Continental Army hero), William Lloyd Garrison, and, near the end of the avenue, that of Leif Ericsson, an excellent illustration of which is given on this page.

Ericsson's statue is a striking piece of sculpture. It represents a youth with a strong but beardless face, in an eager attitude, intently peering into the distance. One hand is uplifted, to shade the eyes, and the other grasps the speaking-horn. The figure is clad in armor, and from his belt hangs a knife.

The pedestal is also very interesting. On one side is a representation of a banquet hall of the old Norse time. Leif is represented as returning from

his voyages, and telling to his friends, who are eagerly listening, the story of his discoveries. On the other side is a representation of Leif's landing on the shores of America with his friends, who are scrambling up over the rocks to get a view of the country.

The inscription on the pedestal reads:

LEIF,

THE DISCOVERER,

SON OF ERIK,

Who Sailed from Iceland,

And Landed on This Continent

A. D. 1000.

Who was Leif? Where did he land on the American shore? What was the value to the world of his discovery?

The Norse Vikings were daring sea pirates from Scandinavia who roved the seas and plundered the coasts of Europe in the eighth, ninth, and tenth centuries. A Viking did not mean a royal personage, but a dweller on a *vik*, or bay. They were fearless sea-rovers, who plundered every shore they could reach. They were swimmers from childhood, even in the cold waters of the North, and had the art, in swimming, of hiding their heads under their shields.

In war they fought with stones, arrows, and spears. They had grappling-hooks with which to draw other vessels to them. They wore scale-armor of iron or leather cloaks, and steel caps on their heads.

What do we know about the Vikings' visit to the shores of America? Erik the Red, who had wandered to Iceland, got into a quarrel with a friend, and was declared an outlaw. He went to sea, and discovered Greenland. He called it by this name because he thought people would be attracted to it if it had a good name. How like modern land-boomers! He led a colony to Greenland about 986 A. D., and built up a prosperous community.

Some time after the establishment of this colony, the son of a companion of Erik set out to find Greenland. He sailed westward, was lost in fogs, and came at last to a land which he did not know. He sailed away from this unknown land and came to another. Believing that neither place was Greenland, he sailed away and came at last to Greenland. Leif, a young man, decided to explore the lands seen on this voyage, and, buying a ship, with thirty-five companions he sailed southward from Greenland. They came at last to the shores of a strange land. There they built booths and spent the winter. One day Leif's foster-brother, a German, found some grape-vines and grapes. From this they called the new land Vinland, or "Wine-land." Leif was known afterwards as "Leif the Lucky." Further exploration was made by Leif, by his brother Thorwald, and by others, and attempts were made to colonize the new land, but these finally failed, and Vinland was a story of the past. These discoveries were made about 1,000 A. D.

Where was Vinland? The only knowledge we have of these early Norse discoveries is from *sagas*, or leg-

ends, of the Scandinavians. The description given in these traditions are not accurate enough to enable us to determine the particular place on the American shore discovered by them. Concerning this, T. W. Higginson says, in his "History of the United States:" "Unless authentic Norse remains are hereafter unearthed, there is very little hope of ever indentifying a single spot where the Vikings landed, or a single inlet ever furrowed by their keels. But that these bold rovers, in sailing westward, discovered lands beyond Greenland, is as sure as anything can be that rests on *sagas* and traditions only—as sure, that is, as most

roic purpose, and set sail across an unknown sea upon the faith of his conviction. Compared with him and his companions, the Vikings seem but boys beside men."

H. F. S.

WARBURTON CHAPEL.

Our kindergarten opened on Sept. 6th, with a good attendance. Most of our former pupils have entered the Brown school, but those who remain, and the new scholars, bring the attendance up to its usual number.

Rally Day was observed in the Sunday-school on Oct. 1st.

While this date was earlier than the

a good attendance and earlier than usual, as the scholars seemed anxious to resume their work.

Miss Lizzie J. Holcomb, who so successfully conducted our sewing school last season, will continue as instructor. At present there are four classes in plain sewing and one in dressmaking.

The sand yard has been closed but the drinking fountain continues to be of much service.

Diphtheria in the district has caused some uneasiness, and on Oct. 13th an order was issued by the Board of Health closing the Chapel until further notice. The Kindergarten will be inspected and continue as usual. In accordance with the above order the session of the Sunday-school on the 15th was omitted, being the first interruption in that service in the history of the chapel. The feeling of the scholars at the closing of the school was expressed by one who met the superintendent on Sunday morning and said in broken English, with great earnestness in her voice: "O! Mr. Phelps! I sorry Sunday-school ain't." There are only a few cases of sickness among our scholars and we hope soon to be permitted to resume our work which had begun with so much of promise for a successful season. The interruption at this particular season is especially unfortunate but we are confident that a favorable change will soon be seen owing to the vigilance of those in charge of the matter.

THE OPEN HEARTH.

The services each evening at the Mission are well attended and an unusual interest is manifested. At every meeting some raise their hands for prayers and many have already given evidence by their conduct, of their wish to lead better lives. The attendance of children at the Thursday evening meeting, which is devoted to them, is most gratifying; the room being generally crowded with the little ones. Many mothers come with their children and listen as Supt. Miller relates some story and draws the lesson therefrom of love to God and obedience to His commands.

The Gospel Wagon services, so far as the use of the wagon is concerned, closed on October 1st, but services by the Gospel Wagon Workers under direction of Superintendent Miller, are held each Sunday afternoon at the Swedish M. E. Church, Hangerford St., near Grand. The attendance is large and has proved the interest of the people of that locality in the services held during the sermon from the Gospel Wagon. The services will be continued during the winter, either in the same building or some other room or hall in that part of the city, and it is not doubted with gratifying results. In all its branches the work of the Mission is increasing and our citizens are coming more and more to see its necessity. The time of Sup't Miller is fully occupied and his advice and assistance sought far and near. His office hours are from 9 to 11 each morning



LIEF ERICSSON.

things in the earliest annals of Europe. They discovered America; what part of America is of little consequence. They discovered it without clear intention, and by a series of what might be called coasting voyages, stretching from Norway to Scotland, from Scotland to Iceland, and thence to Greenland, and at last to the North American continent, each passage extending but a few hundred miles, though those miles lay through stormy and icy seas. They made these discoveries simply as adventurers. There is nothing in their achievement worthy to be compared with the great deed of Columbus, when he formed with deliberate dignity a he-

one usually chosen, the attendance was good, and especially pleasing was it to see the number of parents who took this time to visit the school. Decoration of autumn leaves and flowers added much to the pleasures of the day. Prof. M. W. Jacobus was present and spoke to the school on behalf of our friends in the First Church.

The young peoples' meeting on Sunday evening, Miss Pye's class of boys on Monday evening, teachers' meeting and choir meeting on Tuesday evening, Bank Penny Provident system on Saturday, are some of the regular appointments which have begun for the season.

The sewing classes have started with

and he listens patiently to the tales of woe from all who come and hundreds can testify to the good results from the advice given them and the cheering words spoken.

HARTFORD CHARITIES.

The three conferences of friendly visitors of the Charity Organization Society began their work for the season with a joint social meeting at the home of Mrs. Charles G. Lincoln, on the afternoon of Oct. 6th.

The Larrabee Fund Association held its annual meeting Oct. 9th. To the income from the regular fund of \$160 was added during the year by special contributions, and disbursements were made to forty-three beneficiaries, all of them disabled women.

The annual meeting of the Women's Christian Association was held at its home on Church St., Oct. 12th. Seventy young women are living at the home. The association also carries on educational and industrial branches.

The directors of the Charity Organization Society resumed the monthly meeting for the season Oct. 12th. The reports received indicated an improved financial condition and an increased use of the society by co-operating charities. The demand for relief during the past summer has been a little less than that of last year.

The City Missionary Society re-elected its former officers and committees at its annual meeting October 16th.

THE SHELTER FOR WOMEN.

Mr. Dana of the Theological Seminary, also Mr. Jennison, and Rev. Mr. Adame of Wethersfield, have conducted our Sunday afternoon services. These meetings are times of real help and blessing and the public are earnestly invited to attend them. The past month has been a time when we have realized God's presence with us as He has been searching hearts and drawing them to Himself, and we have heard their glad testimony to His saving power.

We have had many calls day and night and our family at times has been very large. A family of five came to us one night—another time a family of four. We have had in our Home the past four months sixty women and five children.

We are having large sales in our Clothing Bureau, a great many people are coming to us for winter clothing.

We are more than pleased with the prospect of a new furnace to warm our Home.

The ladies of the committee met Oct. 4, it being the first meeting since June.

Much interest was manifested in the work and plans made for its advancement.

Our Committee consists of the following ladies: Mrs. John M. Taylor, Mrs. J. G. Calhoun, Mrs. P. S. Starr, Mrs. E. B. Turner, Mrs. C. M. Lamson, Mrs. J. J. Goodwin, Mrs. Stephen Terry, Mrs. A. L. Goodrich, Mrs. Aaron Goodman and Mrs. John Hall.



Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The Hartford Association never entered upon the Fall and Winter activities with brighter prospects than at present.

The Bible Rally tea, Friday evening, was a decided success judging from the numbers present and the interest manifested.

Dr. P. G. W. Ballantine will conduct two classes this year, one class for men at 7 P. M. every Friday, and another the hour following for all Christian workers, Sunday-school teachers, etc.

The work of the religious department certainly has been started with favorable indications for a splendid season of earnest activity for the Master. Sunday, Oct. 15th, Mr. John Bulins, a man of experience, and associated for many years with mission work in New York City, spoke to a good sized audience of sincere Christian men. The address was full of hope and encouragement. Persistent prayer, hearty co-operation and a willingness to work, will do much to accomplish great things for the extension of Christ's Kingdom among the young men of Hartford.

The Reception Committee will have charge of a series of socials and entertainments occurring the first Wednesday night of each month beginning with November, and extending throughout the winter, closing with a grand entertainment the first Wednesday of April.

The Hichman quartette, assisted by Miss Bertha E. Hobson, have been secured for Nov. 1st. Mrs. Josephine Wyant, a fine and talented impersonator, will furnish an unusual attractive program for the December entertainment.

The gymnasium opening on Friday evening, Oct. 7th, was largely attended. Our President, Col. Chas. A. Jewell, gave a hearty welcome to all present, after which Gen'l Jas. H. Jarman, Chairman of our Physical Dep't Conn., gave a brief outline of the work.

The Robert's Dumb Bell Drill was led by Director S. W. Dixon, the flash-light of which is excellent, showing the entire class and spectators in gallery. Members should secure a copy of this picture, (ask the Director about special price).

Instructor Geo. B. Velte of Trinity College led the "Elephant" and much fun was afforded by the variations in

the executions of the exercises.

Captains M. E. Coughlin and J. A. Oakes picked good teams for Basket Ball. The game was full of thrilling plays and thoroughly enjoyed by nearly 350 spectators. At the end of playing time the score stood tied at 6 goals. We are pleased with the material for our Basket Ball League.

At the conclusion of the Basket Ball game all eyes were turned to "The Regulars," an aggregation in new baseball uniforms marching out to take possession of the "Diamond," newly painted on the floor. S. H. Berry captained the Regulars and C. D. Cleasby commanded the opposing team. On account of the late hour only four innings were played, resulting in an easy victory for the Regulars. Score: 7-2.

Every Tuesday evening will be reserved for baseball practice. Visitors are always welcome to the gallery.

Wednesday evening of each week, after 9 o'clock, all who care for running may join in an outdoor run. The gymnasium suit will be worn and in addition a sweater and cap will complete the outfit. A short, slow run will be taken and we never "drop" anyone. Fifteen participated in the first run.

Friday evening, Oct. 6th, about 100 boys enjoyed a banquet given to the Juniors by the ladies, under the direction of Mrs. L. S. Jackson, chairman of the Junior Dept. Com., of the Ladies' Auxiliary. A business meeting followed when the following officers were elected: pres., H. B. Stillman; 1st vice-pres., Elmer E. Bassett; 2nd vice-pres., Robert B. Kellogg; secretary, Augustus L. Risley; treasurer, Donald B. Wells.

The Boys' Bible study club meets every Monday afternoon at 5.15, with Mr. Brown, the secretary. A course outlined from the life of Paul will be taken up this fall. The Boys' Rally, held every Sunday afternoon at 4.30, is full of help and inspiration for all who attend. All boys over eleven years of age are invited.

The Hillyer Institute Educational classes opened Oct. 16th, and many young men are again taking advantage of the grand opportunities here offered to better educate themselves along their special lines of work. From the present indications our attendance will equal that of previous years.

The Missionary Conference for City and railroad associations will be held Nov. 21-24, at the West Side Branch, New York City, 57th St., between Broadway and 8th Ave. The purpose is to give to the leaders in the missionary department of Association work an opportunity for better informing themselves of the facts and methods of this important work. While the conference is not open to the public it is desired that any wishing to go should confer with our General Secretary, Mr. Geo. M. Hersey, who expects to be in attendance.

Mrs. Wackum—How did that naughty boy of yours hurt himself?

Mrs. Snapper—That good little boy of yours hit him on the head with a brick.—Roxbury Gazette.



BLUE HILLS AVENUE CHAPEL.

The workers at the chapel are getting home from their vacations and are taking up the various lines of work with renewed interest and vigor, which gives promise for a successful year's work.

During Mr. Hodous' absence, Mr. Curtiss has had the work in charge and his many friends have been glad to have him with them again.

On the second evening of the month, Mr. Hodous gave an earnest and helpful address on missions and mission work, with a report of some of the interesting and important features of the meetings of the American Board held in Providence, October 3-6.

Last Sunday, Mr. Fulton of the seminary preached a strong and inspiring sermon.

The Endeavor meeting precedes the preaching service each week; while the society is not large numerically, it holds an important place in the work here.

The efficiency of the Sunday-school has been somewhat hampered by not having as many teachers as were needed. We hope to tell of improvement in this direction in our next report. Miss Sweet and her helpers are planning for an entertainment to be given soon for the younger members of the Sunday-school, and their friends. A sociable for old and young, with an "old-fashioned supper," was well attended two weeks ago, and was pronounced a great success.

The former neighbors and friends of Mrs. C. H. Johnson, now of Southern Pines, N. C., have been made glad by a visit from her. She has returned to her home, where she is lending her influence to all forms of good work that are being carried on in the church and community.

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL.

Since the return of the Rev. Dr. Parker from Europe all the services of the church have been renewed, and the beneficial effects of the vacation are apparent in the sermons which have been of exceptionably fine quality, especially the Sunday evening ones. Dr. Parker is preaching a series upon the Beautitudes, and with the Choir doing its best, those in attendance are always well paid for coming. The prayer-meetings are also very interesting. On one evening Hon. Henry C. Robinson and the Rev. Mr. Pratt gave an account of the Boston Congregational Council to a well-filled room. The Sunday-school and the young people's meeting attract many and the outlook for a good winter's work for God and man is full of promise.

UNITY CHURCH.

Our church services began Sept. 23rd. This is later than usual, because of extensive repairs which have been made in the audience room of the church. To the great surprise and regret of those present, Mr. Waite read his resignation, to take effect not later than March 31, 1900. No action has yet been taken by the society, but owing to the almost universal desire for him to remain a strong effort will be made to induce him to withdraw it.

Mr. Waite's two brilliant discourses on "Ingersoll" attracted large audiences, as did his travel sermon on "The Mormons."

Sunday-school opened Oct. 1st, and the classes have taken up the study of the Old Testament. "The Modern Reader's Bible" is used as a text book. The Sunday-school socials will be held the last Friday of each month.

The Woman's Alliance held its first regular meeting after vacation, Friday, Oct. 6th. A course on James Russell Lowell will be studied this winter, following the general line of the course on Emerson studied last winter.

During vacation the church met with a great loss in the death of Mrs. Francis Smith, who had been active in the church work for many years. Her funeral was largely attended at her residence on Edwards St., and in the absence of Rev. Mr. Waite, Mrs. Smith's brother-in-law, Rev. Mr. Heyward, of Marlborough, Mass., officiated.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL,
EAST HARTFORD.

Prof. E. E. Nourse, of the Hartford Seminary, is supplying our pulpit regularly. Rev. W. B. Tuthill of Kensington preached Sunday, Oct. 8th.

At the annual meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society, Mr. George Goodwin was elected president for the ensuing year.

SECOND ADVENT.

Our Sunday-school, having sometime ago assumed the responsibility of raising money for the expense of painting the church and making sundry repairs and improvements, have succeeded in raising nearly enough for the purpose, and the work has been commenced.

On the evening of Sept. 20th, occurred the marriage of two members of our Loyal Workers Society, Mr. Henry Fuller and Miss Maude Shaw, this being the first marriage ever solemnized in the church since it was built, twelve years ago.

We were favored later with a sermon from Rev. J. A. Cargile of Alabama, one of our leading ministers in the South, who had arrived unexpectedly.

We were lately pleased to receive a visit from our former Pastor, Rev. W. O. Higley, now of Sandy Hill, N. Y., who kindly relieved our Pastor, and occupied the pulpit for him Oct. 15th.

Oct. 22nd we expect Rev. C. H. Sweet of Torrington in exchange with our Pastor.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

The work of the church has been resumed in all its branches. Our Pastor, Rev. W. W. Breckinridge, commenced the Sunday evening services at 7:30 o'clock, which had been discontinued since May. These meetings are well attended and helpful. While music is made a special feature of the service, a short and interesting sermon on some special theme or topic is always delivered by the Pastor. All are invited to attend this meeting, and all are made welcome.

The Young Men's League lately formed assists the Pastor in many ways.

The young people's meetings are held as usual at 6:30 o'clock in the parlors. The subject for each evening are those adopted by the Christian Endeavor Society.

The newly elected officers for the year commencing October, 1899, are as follows: Pres., A. D. Mackinnon; vice-pres., Samuel R. Starkey; secy., Miss Isabel Eadie; treas., Thos R. Mullans; stewardess, Mrs. Jas. McGeachie.

The chairman of committees are as follows: Devotional, E. C. Down; membership, King B. McFarland; entertainment, S. R. Starkey; visiting, John Gray.

The Ladies' Aid Society have met twice this season. A barrel is to be packed and sent off this week.

The Ladies are also preparing work for a Sale to be given sometime in December.

A pleasant entertainment was given in the parlors of the church, Friday evening, October 13th. The entertainment entitled, "A Husking Bee and Supper," gotten up by the Young Men's League, which proved a great success. The proceeds are to be devoted to procuring extra hymn books for the Sunday evening meetings. At the regular session of the school, October 15th, Certificates of Merit were presented to a number of the most faithful scholars for the preparation of the lesson department, and regular and prompt attendance. It has been the means of creating new interest.

SOUTH BAPTIST.

Although some of the departments of our church had a vacation period during the summer, yet our mid-week prayer-meeting is never suspended, neither is the meeting of the Young Peoples' Society. Those who attended these meetings were well repaid. The Y. P. S. C. E. is about to assume the support of a native worker in the foreign mission field.

Preparations are being made for the annual meeting of our church, and a very pleasant and social time is promised to all.

A number of our Sunday-school members are making excellent records in the study of the Bible.

A class for men for the study of questions in practical Christianity is just being organized by the Pastor. All men are welcome to this class.

PARK ST. METHODIST.

Special evangelistic meetings will be held in this church beginning on Sunday, Oct. 22d, and continuing for at least two weeks on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights of each week. A large chorus choir and orchestra will be utilized, and a new hymn book, "Pentecostal Hymns No. 2," will be used.

Miss May B. Lord of the Connecticut Sunday-school Association, will speak in the church on Thursday evening, Oct. 19th. At the Quarterly Conference held on Sept. 29th, the plans for the new church were formally accepted, and the committee to secure plans was continued as a committee to secure the necessary funds. Three members were added to this committee, namely, Mr. George Nettleton, Mr. George Adair and the Pastor, the Rev. Wm. M. Carr. The church will be brick, built on the old site, corner of Park and Amity streets. It will be 85 feet square, with a basement, main auditorium seating 372 persons, connected by sliding doors with a Sunday-school room, with two large class rooms on the main floor and a gallery above the Sunday-school room, with small rooms for classes. Total seating capacity of the church will be about 700.

The windows will be of stained glass, the roof, slate. This church it is estimated, can be built for the surprisingly low sum of \$13,000. The committee already have \$1,500 subscribed, and the Epworth League have pledged at least \$500 more, but unless assisted by friends outside the church, it will be impossible to build. But some friends, who know the pressing demand for more room, have already contributed, and we believe others will do so. Certainly no society in Hartford should be cramped for room in which to worship.

WEST HARTFORD CONGREGATIONAL.

The annual church bazaar was held Oct. 4th and 5th, and proved very successful both from a social and financial point of view. Six hundred and twenty dollars will be added to the parsonage fund as a result of it.

In an enthusiastic meeting held Oct. 12th, it was decided by the church members present that it would be well for this church to be actively represented on the foreign mission field through a missionary supported by the church, and, if the American Board approve, Dr. Bissell and his family will be their choice. Dr. Bissell is engaged in the work in India having labored there several years. He has many warm friends in West Hartford among those who knew him while he was a student at the Hartford Theological Seminary.

To the regret of the Christian Endeavor Society, Mr. Clark Hall has resigned his position as vice-president. Business will keep him out of town during the winter. Mr. Lars A. Johnson was elected to fill his place.

HOCKANUN CONGREGATIONAL.

Rev. F. P. Bacheleer has been absent during this last week, Oct. 9th to 16th, attending installation exercises in Maine. Mr. Gilbert Bacheleer, a brother of our Pastor is the Pastor to be installed.

The Junior Endeavor Society gave their first entertainment on Tuesday. They formed a Zobo band, and gave a pleasing entertainment.

WINDSOR METHODIST.

The work is moving forward along all lines. A revival interest prevails and several at a recent meeting expressed a desire to serve the Lord.

A good delegation of Windsor Epworth Leaguers attended the meeting of the Father Housen Union at West Suffield, Oct. 13th. It was a spiritual and inspiring occasion.

The members of the Ladies' Aid Society are planning for their Annual Harvest Supper which will be held Oct. 18th.

Prof. Ennis of the Hartford High School will deliver one of his popular lectures on "Astronomy," Friday evening, Oct. 20th.

FIRST BAPTIST.

On Friday, Oct. 20th, the ladies of our church met in the church vestry, after gifts of clothing and money had been collected, and packed a missionary barrel to send away to an Indian preacher in Indian Territory.

Friday evening, Oct. 20th, the Boys' Steadfast Club held their annual meeting. The election of officers was followed by the usual social.

Our church sent five delegates, including the Pastor, to the Connecticut Baptist Anniversaries held at Waterbury, Oct. 16, 17 and 18th.

A popular meeting of the National Prison Congress was held in our church Sunday evening, Sept. 24th, at which addresses were given by Charles Dudley Warner, F. B. Sanborn and Judge E. M. Warner. The church was filled to the doors.

The Young Men's League will begin its series of dinners and socials in November. All young men, whether members of our school or not, are invited to join.

The Seventh Annual Rally Day of our Sunday-school was held Sunday, September 24th. The responses to the roll-call numbered 425. The Beeman-Hatch Orchestra assisted in the service.

WINDSOR AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

Our new Pastor, Rev. H. E. Peabody, has been with us now several weeks. The Installation Services will take place Friday evening, Oct. 20th. Rev. Dr. W. L. Phillips of the Church of the Redeemer, New Haven, will preach the installation sermon and Rev. H. R. Miles, our former Pastor, will offer the installing prayer.

A Quotation Social, with a musical and literary programme, was given by

the Y. P. S. C. E., Friday evening, Sept. 29th.

Sunday, Oct. 1st, was observed in the Sunday-school as Rally Day. A large number attended the exercises which were very interesting. Twenty children from the Primary Department were promoted to the Junior Department. Bibles were presented to each one, also a diploma stating that they had learned the requirements.

Leonard J. Collins, the president of our Christian Endeavor Society, was obliged to resign his position as president as he is now located in Stafford, Ct. At our last business meeting Miss Mabel Stronach was chosen president and Mr. H. H. Pease, vice-president.

Mr. C. H. Brigham has been elected Union Director for the following year. Mr. E. L. Weaver has been elected vice-president of the Northern Section of the Hartford Union of Christian Endeavor.

WETHERSFIELD METHODIST.

The hour or service for the winter, was changed Oct. 1st, the Epworth League commencing at 6 o'clock and the evening services at 7 o'clock.

At the Sunday-school session Sept. 24th, our delegate to the group meeting at Simsbury, gave a very interesting account of the meeting, especially of the Sunday-school work.

WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

Our church pulpit was supplied last Sunday by Mr. Dillingham, Chaplain at the jail, and this last Sunday by Rev. Mr. Eldredge of Suffield. Mr. Elsdon is preaching in North Granby. On his return, he, with Mrs. Elsdon and their son Paul, will go west for the winter.

Our King's Daughters are again meeting for work Friday afternoons.

NORTH METHODIST.

The election of officers for the Y. P. S. C. E. occurred this month and resulted as follows: Pres., F. H. Waterhouse; vice-pres., Miss Bessie M. Fisher; rec. secy., Miss Annie M. Cairus; cor. secy., F. A. Davoll.

Chairman of Committees: Lookout, Miss Annie R. McDonnell; prayer meeting, Miss Elizabeth J. Cairus; social, E. E. Freeman; missionary, E. E. Freeman; floral, Miss Genevieve Francis; calling, Miss Helen M. Harvey. The first social of the season was held Friday evening, Oct. 13th, at the church and was an enjoyed affair.

This week and next are rally weeks and all of the different societies have showed up well.

The exchange of preachers of the Parkville church and North Methodist was made last Sunday, Rev. Mr. Carr and Rev. Mr. Griffin exchanging.

Miss Lizzie J. Cairus, for a number of years superintendent of the primary department, has resigned.

The Presiding Elder, Rev. Mr. Adams, preached Sunday and was well liked.

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• Editorial. •

HERO WORSHIP.

Recent events have abundantly proved that hero worship is not a thing of the past. We do not need to go back to ancient history or mythology for evidences of the love of mankind for men and deeds heroic. Men still delight, nay, probably never more delighted to honor a hero than they do to-day. In mythology we read that the hero was worshipped as a god. In history we read over and over again of instances where the hero has been made a ruler, and even in our own time and country, have we not given the hero the highest honor the country offers, the presidency?

And now comes Dewey, the hero of Manila, and the nation delights to do him honor. Others could have done well with the same opportunity, some say, and true enough it is proable. So much the better. The more heroic men we have the greater credit to the nation, for heroism is no mean virtue.

Dewey's home coming was one of triumphal progress. All nations rendered him homage, and upon his arrival cities vied with each other for the privilege of doing him honor. And no mean place will he occupy in the history of his country.

But peace hath its heroes, too, less renowned than those of war, perhaps, but entitled to no less a tribute of honor and reward.

The annals of our steamship and railroad companies record a multitude of heroic deeds by men not inspired by the pomps and circumstance of war,

but who in the midst of storm and wreck, or of some railroad honor, proved themselves heroes indeed, often sacrificing their lives.

Then there are those who stand by in the midst of a pestilence to minister to its victims, knowing themselves liable to be smitten at any time. How many brave women have shown their heroism on such a field as this.

Many there are who enter life's battle handicapped by poverty, by disease, by hereditary vices; who have to struggle against these continually. Is not a very real sort of heroism necessary in such a conflict?

Jesus Christ was a man of peace, and never did he distinguish himself upon the field of battle, yet here was a man in all essentials heroic. If he had exhibited traits of cowardice he would never have been accepted as the Son of God or the Saviour of men. He met every test, even the final one of ignominy, torture and death, and He arose triumphant over all, and never before nor since His time has the world seen greater heroism.

NEVER HOME.

Two examples of heroism have been shown lately in which we can take local pride.

Captain Norton, having served with marked bravery in the Civil War, and having contributed an arm to his country, might reasonably be excused from any further activities in the hero business. But when beset with others by a crew of gamblers and thugs on the steamship *Gloriana* in New York, recently, his fighting blood as well as his staunch integrity asserted itself, and the result was that he led the attack on the gang which resulted in the literal overthrow of their gambling paraphernalia, and their arrest and prosecution by the police authorities. It is to the credit of Hartford that its citizens promptly made up a purse to reimburse Capt. Norton for the expense incurred by him.

Another incident occurred on Pearl street, recently, when W. E. Herbst, a shoemaker, placed himself between a would-be murderer and his intended victim, a position which a policeman made lively tracks to escape from. Mr. Herbst is about as inoffensive appearing a man as Hartford possesses, and would be the last one to provoke a quarrel, but when the test came, the heroism of the man promptly asserted itself. All honor to such men.

WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?

Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, writing in the November Ladies' Home Journal in further emphasis of the teachings of his famous book, "In His Steps," reiterates that "the teachings of Jesus will work in the market, the home, the school, the shop, the street, the life of man everywhere, but they can't work in a selfish heart, and they are not capable of ex- on the throne except Him who is Lord of all. Why are men afraid to try Love in business? Why are they cowardly in the face of giving the greatest thing in

the world its most supreme test? Come, let us take Jesus at His word. If we seek the Kingdom of God first we shall have all the physical things we need. What would Jesus do? There is no question as to His conduct in our places. There is no casuistry in the question when asked honestly every day. When the world is willing to ask it, and live according to the daily answers, it will begin to enjoy its millennium. Perhaps that Golden Age will be this coming century. Why not? It rests with the human race to prove that of all the mighty forces that rule the real life of men on the earth, none is so mighty, so practical, so permanent, so productive of happiness and power as the life of Jesus lived over again in the lives of those who believe in Him as the life abundant for a weary world."

The Parkville Methodist Church is raising funds for a new edifice, the present one being too small to accommodate the number of worshippers. As this is a condition of affairs which does not largely prevail hereabouts it is earnestly to be hoped that a generous response will be given to their request for funds, regardless of denomination.

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We present this month on our front cover a good illustration of the new Farmington Avenue Church. An historical sketch of the church, as well as a description of the edifice, is also given on another page. For the details of the description we are largely indebted to the Hartford Courant.

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The action of the Hartford Christian Endeavor Union in regard to Sunday conventions may have given some offense to the managers of the State C. E. Convention held at Putnam recently, yet their position is a sound one. The place for Endeavorers Sunday is at their home church. As guests of strangers they would probably be more welcome on some week day.

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Dr. St. John's article in our Medical Department is a valuable one, and deserves a careful reading by all who wish to preserve their eyesight.

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Secretary Thrasher comes in for frequent abuse as is natural for a man in his unique position. It must be remembered, however, that there are powerful influences opposed to him and his work, and this opposition is spurred on by a matter of dollars and cents. On the other hand the backers of the Law and Order League are impelled by moral motives alone.

Secretary Thrasher is accused by some of want of tact. But how much will tact avail in the presence of an aggressive bull dog? A substantial club is the only article needed! Tact with lawbreakers, indeed! We don't hang murderers with much tact here in Connecticut, do we?

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What a shame that the close of the century finds each of the great Anglo-Saxon nations engaged in a war against a weak nation, a recent Peace Congress,

notwithstanding. It is not within the province of this paper to say which side is in the right or wrong; probably both should have made concessions, and would have if matters could have been arbitrated, but as it is, grievous crimes are being committed and some one is responsible. What a long way off it makes the millennium seem.

NEWS OF CHURCHES.

ASYLUM HILL CONGREGATIONAL.

A reception was given to Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Twichell to celebrate their return from abroad. The church parlors were decorated, and refreshments served to a large number. The congregation is most happy to see the Pastor back, invigorated for his winter's work.

On Sept. 10th the Rev. Frederick Hastings of London, Eng., filled the pulpit, and on the two succeeding Sundays the Rev. I. C. Meserve, also of London. Both gentlemen were in this country to attend the Congregational Council at Boston. We counted ourselves fortunate to have heard them.

The Sunday-school resumed its sessions September 17th, and the young people's meeting was first held since the recess, Oct. 15th.

A Mission Study Class is being formed among our young people, the plan of which will be given later. Application for membership may be made to Mrs. W. S. Pratt, Gillett St.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL.

Our Sunday-school opened the middle of September with Rally Sunday. During the session several of the former superintendents gave addresses.

The Young People's Society has resumed its meetings in the parlors with Mrs. Talmadge as its president.

The first Vesper Service was held October 8th. It was a memorial service observed in memory of our late Pastor, Dr. Lamson.

A committee of twenty has been appointed to make the selection of our next Pastor.

Professor Jacobus of the Theological Seminary is supplying the pulpit for the present.

A teacher's meeting is held each Thursday evening from seven to seven forty-five o'clock.

Professor Walker has consented to conduct the Senior Bible Class in the Sunday-school.

ST. THOMAS CHURCH.

On Wednesday evening, Sept. 27th, a supper was served in the parish house by the ladies, after which the annual meeting of the Parish Guild was held, and the following officers elected for the ensuing year: Pres., Mrs. W. F. Whittelsey; first vice-pres., Mrs. J. F. Ney; second vice-pres., Mrs. R. H. Burton; secy., and treas., R. H. Burton; asst. secy., Mrs. E. H. Crosby. The ladies of the Guild are now prepar-

ing a missionary barrel to be sent away within a few weeks, and are also getting ready for the annual Christmas sale and supper which will be held the first week in December. The Guild had a very successful year, last year, raising over \$300.

The Young People's Club met for reorganization Tuesday evening, Oct. 10th. A good number were present and joined the club, and the meeting adjourned for one week when the Rector appointed the following officers: Pres., Robert H. Burton, Jr.; vice pres., Alpheus Mather; secy. and treas., L. O. Jones; asst. secy., Miss Effie Graves. An advisory board of five was also appointed. The club voted to have a Halloween party Tuesday, Oct. 31st, for the benefit of the Sunday-school Christmas festival fund, and a committee of five was appointed to arrange for same.

A substantial driveway and walk, eight feet wide, is being built from the Windsor Ave. line to the entrance of the Church, which has long been needed, and will prove very useful in case of weddings and funerals, as carriages can then be driven to the door of the church.

WINDSOR CONGREGATIONAL.

Sunday, Oct. 8th, was a pleasant day with us owing to the presence with us of Rev. Henry K. Bruce, for nearly thirty-seven years missionary of the American Board in India. Mr. Bruce preached in the morning and at the evening service told us something about the idolatry of India.

The Grant family hold a reunion in Windsor, Oct. 27th, with exercises in our church. Their ancestor Matthew Grant was the first clerk of the church.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

The Daughters of the King will take up the study of the Gospel of St. Matthew on the second and fourth Mondays of each month for 1899 and 1900. Regular meetings for work the first and third Mondays.

Socials and lectures at appointed times.

The Girls' Friendly Society are in active working order and meets Tuesdays at the Colt Memorial House.

A Young Christian Soldiers' Company has been organized with an instructor in military tactics. Quite a number have been enrolled themselves as members.

Thursday, Oct. 12th, a social was enjoyed by the Vested Choir of the church. It was given in recognition of their services during August.

The Rector, and Mrs. Bristol, were present and welcomed all who came. A pleasant evening was passed with Whist playing, bowling, etc., followed with refreshments.

The font has been repaired and the first baptism administered Sunday, Oct. 8th. Four baptisms were also administered on Sunday, Oct. 15th, using the repaired font.

The Sunday-school Conference of the Hartford Archdeaconry was held Mon-

day, Oct. 16th, at the Church of the Good Shepherd and the Memorial House. There was a service and Communion at the church, followed by addresses, reports and papers, read at the Memorial House. The exercises were continued at Trinity Church and Parish House in the afternoon.

SUFFIELD STREET BAPTIST.

The men of our Endeavor Society gave the ladies a chowder supper Wednesday evening, Oct. 11th. The work was done by the men under leadership of Mr. Day. After the supper, cake, crackers, etc., were auctioned off. The net proceeds of the supper amounted to \$12.

FOURTH CONGREGATIONAL.

At the regular morning service, Oct. 1st, Mr. Howard S. Gault was ordained. Mr. Gault has been our assistant Pastor during the past summer and it was with mingled feelings of joy and sorrow that his friends met to bid him farewell and success in his missionary field of Northern China, for which he left the following day. The church passed a resolution to devote to his salary such moneys as should be contributed for the American Board of Foreign Missions.

Wednesday, Oct. 4th, we had the pleasure of entertaining the Hartford Christian Endeavor Union at their annual meeting.

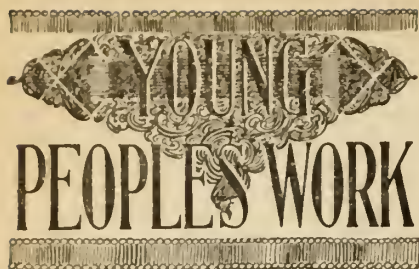
Hellen Kellar, the blind and deaf student, who has demonstrated that the mind is not dependent on the ordinary avenues of gaining intelligence, has recently passed examinations for Radcliffe College, Harvard's Annex. She was obliged to be without her constant companion, Miss Sullivan, and the examination was unintentionally rendered more difficult because the questions were written in a different system of writing from that to which Miss Kellar is accustomed. However, she felt out the questions from the punctured points, wrote her answers on the typewriter, and passed in every study, even "with credit" in some.

EVENING SESSION AT MORSE'S COLLEGE.

The evening sessions of Morse's Hartford Business College are now in fine running order, and great interest is taken by the pupils already enrolled. Each student receives careful individual instruction. All business branches are taught, all supplies are furnished free, and new students can enter at any time.

Mr. Elihu S. Cook has opened a store at No. 77 Pratt street for the manufacture and sale of fur garments of every description. Mr. Cook has had ample experience and employs only skilled assistants.

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HARTFORD C. E. UNION NOTES.

A large delegation from a large number of societies was present at the annual meeting of the Hartford Christian Endeavor Union at the Fourth Congregational Church, Wednesday afternoon and evening, October 4th.

The afternoon session was scheduled to begin at 3.45, and at that time the audience room was very well filled. M. T. Smith, the Secretary of the Union, called the meeting to order and led the praise service. Prayer was offered by Rev. H. DeWitt Williams. The first business was the Secretary's report which was read, showing a gain in the number of Societies during the year of 4. The Blue Hills Undenominational, Suffield St. Baptist, Junior, Wilson Undenominational and Elmwood Undenominational. The total number of societies now enrolled being 50. The total membership was 2157, which was also a gain over last year. The work of the union during the year was reviewed. All meetings having been held in each one of the five sections. The treasurer's report showed about \$30 necessary before the full state appropriation of \$80 could be paid. The reports of the President, Lookout and Finance Committees were read. The Lookout Committee report showed excellent work done during the year.

Then followed the reports of societies and 28 societies responded loyally with brief facts in regard to and plans and methods of work in their own societies and the results achieved. This was a very interesting part of the program. Following these reports very helpful papers were read by David Calhoun on "Forward Movement in Our Own Societies for Better Prayer Meetings." By H. D. Olmsted on "Better Committee work." Then came an open parliament which was shared in by many.

The "Forward March to Supper" was announced by Mr. Mucklow, president of the Fourth Church Society, and the hospitality of our hosts was thoroughly enjoyed for the next hour and a half.

BUSINESS SESSION.

At the meeting for voting delegates, which commenced at 7.00 o'clock prompt, President Bassett called the meeting to order and the report of the nominating committee was read and the officers elected. Here resolutions were introduced objecting to the holding of the State convention on Sunday. After some modification from the first reading they were adopted as also a resolu-

tion protesting against the seating of Brigham Roberts in Congress. The meeting then adjourned just in time for the evening session.

EVENING SESSION.

Although all the meetings were very well attended, for this service the house was filled. A few minutes after the scheduled hour the meeting was called to order by President Bassett. A report of the business session was read and officers announced as follows: President, Henry S. Goslee; secy. and treas., Myrton T. Smith; supt. or Junior work, Edward P. Fink; missionary supt., Harry A. G. Abbe. Vice-presidents: Northern section, E. L. Weaver; Central, J. B. Sexton; Southern, R. C. Northam; Eastern, L. W. Ripley; Northwestern, F. C. Bidwell. Mr. Fink, the junior supt., gave his report; Mr. J. W. Logan of Meriden spoke on a "Forward March to Putnam '99." Mr. S. H. Williams on "Forward March for Missions." Rev. Harold Pattison of the First Baptist Church spoke on the general topic of "Forward March." In his remarks he said we must be sure we are ready to move before going ahead. Once on ship-board he observed the ship sailing around in a circle. Be sure you are meeting your fullest opportunity in your present sphere then move. There is a lot of motion in the world with no forward movement. There are many people like rocking-chairs, much agitation but no going forward. His address was a clear presentation of the "Forward March" spirit.

The banner was awarded during the evening to the Granby So. Congregational Society, who reported attendance of members at consecration meetings of 92 per cent.

At the close of Mr. Paterson's address, Rev. H. DeWitt Williams conducted a consecration service. In this service a large number of societies took part, rising and responding with a consecration sentiment.

The State Christian Endeavor Convention was held in Putnam, October 13-15, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Quite a number of delegates attended from Hartford.

The Banner addresses were on Saturday evening, "\$240,000 a year for drinks in Conn.," by Hon. E. M. Warner of Putnam, and Sunday morning by John Willis Baer.

Mr. Nelson B. Bassett who has for two years so energetically worked with the Endeavors of Hartford and vicinity and served them as their president was married Wednesday, Oct. 18th, to Miss Mary E. Hays. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's brother, 143 Woodland St., by the Rev. W. DeLoss Love. Mr. and Mrs. Bassett both being endeavorers connected with the Farmington Ave. Congregational Society, have the best wishes of their many Endeavor friends in Hartford and vicinity.

Rev. Mr. Ferry of the South Park M. E. Church was elected as one of the state vice-presidents at the recent convention in Putnam.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR PRAYER MEETING TOPICS.

[From the Presbyterian C. E. Manual.]
October 22.—An old-time missionary.—
Jonah 3: 1-10.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

God sometimes gives a second chance, but it is dangerous to refuse the errands he offers us.

Our mission field must be chosen by God.

God's will will be done, even though we will not let him do it through us.

No coward can be God's missionary.

Where the gospel is faithfully preached repentance will surely follow.

The divine commission is equipment enough.

No mission field is too hard for God's Spirit.

When we go God's way we always find success.

Sinners will hear the voice of God in the tones of every faithful witness.

Fear of God banishes fear for self.

One craven heart may hinder a great cause.

The faith that questions is not the faith that conquers.

October 29.—Giving, a measure of love
—Mark 12: 41-44.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

We are not altogether Christ's until he is Lord of our pocket-books.

Love carries no balances.

No gift but seems small beside Christ's great gift.

Our consecration may be proved by our contributions.

Love withholds nothing.

In our treasure house either Jesus or an idol must reign.

God's love to us should constrain free gifts from us.

The offering anointed by sacrifice is holiest.

We may shut Christ out of our lives by shutting our purses to him.

Liberality leads to largeness. The selfish soul shall be made thin.

Our liberality is the test of our love and loyalty.

November 5.—A new name.—Gen. 32: 24-29; Rev. 2: 17.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

When we get a new name with God the world soon knows it.

We prevail with God when we surrender.

God's children should all be princes.

A new reputation is the result of a new character.

New names result from new lives.

We get a new name when we take Christ's name.

Selfishness gave way to surrender at Peniel. That is the way new names are gained.

The man of prayer is made a new man.

Better humble before God than high before men.

A new name of gentleness is gained by a night with God.

Holiness cannot hide.

God's princes all have kingly characters.

New lives here should precede a new name in the new home.

November 12.—The living Bread.—
—John 6: 26-35.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

Souls are thin because they need food.

If we feed on Christ we shall never hunger for the world's husks.

Spiritual dyspepsia results from the wrong kind of food.

For more of life we need only more of Christ.

That life must be a starveling that has never fed on Christ.

The Bread of Life alone satisfies.

The table of the Lord is spread in the prayer closet.

The Bread of Life must be received fresh daily.

If we do not enjoy Christ it is because we are eating the world's food.

They are the most robust souls that feed most on Christ.

We are not given the Bread of heaven until we believe on the Son of God.



Conducted by Mr. George Whipple Steele.

Questions on musical subjects of general interest will be answered in this department.

INTRODUCTION TO THE HISTORY OF MUSIC.

BY MR. JOHN C. FILLMORE.

In the logical order of thought, the consideration of the nature of music naturally precedes the investigation of its function. But its function was undoubtedly perceived ages before there was any thought of investigating its nature on scientific principles. We shall not go astray, then, perhaps, if we first try to imagine to ourselves what the first music in the world must have been and why people practiced it. If we can get at the real motive which impelled people to make music we shall surely become enlightened as to its real function in the economy of human nature. The insight we thus gain will serve as a sure guide through all the mazes of musical history.

We may assume as certain that the first elementary efforts at music were vocal, and not instrumental. For the human voice was certainly in existence before any other musical instruments were invented. People sang before they had instruments to play on.

Mothers crooned to their babes, rocking them backward and forward in their arms as they hushed them to sleep. Men shouted defiance to their enemies in articulate cries and yells. Young men and maidens danced, and sung to their dancing. We may be sure of these things, because they are to be found among the most primitive and savage peoples of our own time, and because we have authentic accounts of them among ancient primitive peoples. Human nature is essentially the same in all ages and under all conditions, and we cannot doubt that the impulse which leads to such manifestations now led our remotest ancestors to express their feelings in similar ways.

The phrase, "express their feelings," suggests at least one of the motives which impelled people to sing. The savage yells at his enemy because his yelling is the natural expression of his emotional excitement. The mother croons to her babe because she feels like doing so. It is the natural expression of her emotional state. But this is not all. She does so because of its effects on the child. She knows intuitively that this monotonous, measured flow of sound, the expression of her own quiet happiness, will soothe the infant into a restful state of feeling and dispose it to slumber. The warrior feels that the expression of his rage by means of violent sounds will excite his comrades to valor and perhaps strike terror into his enemies. The singing of the dancers is equally expressive of their emotional state, and tends to excite those feelings to still greater activity. Vocal music, then, is a natural product of human nature, and its function is to express and excite feeling.

In the primitive music above referred to we find two of the essential elements of all music—Melody and Rhythm. Melody is a succession of single musical sounds, differing more or less in pitch. Rhythm is a succession of beats or pulsations occurring at regular intervals. There is a natural tendency in human nature to make all melody rhythmic. The mother's low song to her babe naturally falls into regularly recurring rhythmic divisions, accompanied by corresponding movements of the body. Rhythm is of the very essence of the dance; and the rhythmic notions of the dancers are accompanied with rhythmic song, the clapping of hands and the stamping of feet. The element of rhythm becomes most strongly marked in war dances. In these the notions are violent, the songs loud and harsh and the rhythm often marked by the striking of war clubs on hollow logs or on some resounding instrument of percussion.

Instruments of percussion were, doubtless, the first to be invented. From marking the rhythm by pounding on a tree or post with a club, it was not far to covering the end of a hollow log with a stretched skin, thus producing a rude drum. Progress was then easy toward the whole family of drums, tom-toms, gongs, cymbals, tambourines, etc., the latter kind as soon as metals and metal working had been

discovered. Wind instruments were probably invented by some such accident as hearing a broken reed give forth a musical tone when blown across by the wind. The Egyptian and Greek myth has it that the god Hermes, walking by the Nile bank, picked up a tortoise shell which had some sun-dried membranes stretched across it, and that this gave him the idea of the lyre. It is not improbable that some such accident as this really occasioned the invention of stringed instruments. Or perhaps the idea came from a tightly-stretched bowstring. However this may be, the first instrumental music must have been associated with vocal music, and must have been essentially the same in its nature and function. That is, it consisted of rhythmical successions of sounds, which owed their origin to the innate impulse to express, convey and excite feeling.

As time went on and the savage developed into the barbarian, and from the barbarian into the civilized man, there was, we know, a gradual growth in refinement. This improvement showed itself in musical perception as well as elsewhere. The power of discriminating qualities of tone, like other faculties, grows with use and attention, and sensuous beauty of tone gradually came to be regarded as a refined sensuous pleasure in itself. It was enjoyed apart from its emotional significance, just as the perfume of a rose is. So we find it now. There are persons who lay undue stress on the elegant sensuous beauty in music, disregarding other and higher considerations. To such, music becomes a sensuous indulgence—refined, indeed, but still involving a minimum of intellectual and moral quality.

In the course of time the awakened human intellect began to deal with music as with other subjects in which men were interested. Philosophers began to investigate the physical and mathematical relations of tones, and thus arose the science of ACOUSTICS. Composers began to analyze rhythms and to balance groups of small rhythmic units against each other to make symmetrically larger units, and thus began the science and art of MELODIC FORM. They also began to combine two and afterward more melodies sounding at the same time into one whole, and thus arose COUNTER-POINT.

They learned to secure Unity in these compositions by using the same melody as a second voice-part, only beginning it some time after the first. Thus arose Strict and afterward Free IMITATION. From this principle were developed, in the strict style, CANON and FUGE. From the free treatment of imitations were developed all the modern forms. This unity of idea, secured by developing a composition through varied repetitions of a few melodic ideas (Themes or Motives), is called THEMATIC TREATMENT.

Once the idea of combining melodies had been developed, the step was inevitable to thinking sounds in combinations, or Chords. It took a long time

before men learned to think complex music otherwise than as combinations of simultaneously progressing melodies. They thought it horizontally, so to speak. But after a time they learned to think it perpendicularly. That is, they learned to think of each combination of simultaneously sounding tones (chord) as a musical unit; and they gradually found out the laws governing the natural relations of succession chords. The science of chords and of their successions and relations is called Harmony.

Finally, men developed the art of combining and contrasting the different qualities of tones produced by different kinds of instruments so as to produce beautiful effects, and to heighten and intensify emotional expression. This is the art of INSTRUMENTATION, or ORCHESTRATION. All these belong to the intellectual element in music. Logically and historically, they come after the emotional and sensuous enjoyment of music.

The imagination is the great constructive faculty. In the beginning of music it had only the simplest elements of melody and rhythm as material with which to deal. But it dealt with these in their relation to feeling, and the folk-songs of all nations are the sincere, spontaneous expression of natural feeling. Gradually, as the sensuous perception and the intellectual elements in music were developed, the food for the imagination became richer and more varied, until we have now a wealth of musical material sufficient to tax the imaginative power of a Beethoven or a Wagner.

To sum up, then, music is, in its nature, that one of the Fine Arts which has for its material musical tones. It affords us enjoyment on its lowest plane through the discrimination of refined from coarse tones and by combinations and contrasts of different qualities of tone. The pleasure thus derived is refined, but it is sensuous merely. Music adds to this very high intellectual enjoyment.

In its more elaborate forms, such as the fuge, the sonata, the symphony, the music-drama, it taxes the intellectual resources of both composer and student in equal degree with the greatest intellectual productions of the human mind in other fields of activity. It thus adds intellectual to sensuous enjoyment, and so ranks high in the scale of mental activities.

But its primary and ultimate function is to express, convey and excite feeling. To this the sensuous and intellectual elements are subordinate. The imagination reaches its highest flights and performs its most legitimate function when it deals with its musical materials in their relation to emotion.

The rank of a composer, like that of any other creative artist, depends, first of all, on the vigor, vividness and fertility of his imagination. Creative power means the gift of spontaneous invention. It can neither be learned nor taught; it is an original gift which can neither be acquired nor accounted for.

This is it which is commonly called Genius. Nothing else can take the place of it. Wherever it appears, as it does here and there among men, and often under the most unexpected and apparently unpromising conditions, the world does not willingly let it die. Men may be slow in recognizing it; but once acknowledged, it becomes a precious and immortal possession for the whole race. Next to this in importance comes what is commonly called Talent. This means a special aptitude for artistic perception and attainment, and for applying acquired ideas, without such original power of invention. In its higher manifestations talent so closely approximates the lower orders of genius that it is often not easy to distinguish them, and there are many cases that have occasioned dispute among critics.

But whether a composer be possessed of genius or only of talent, it is absolutely essential that he should have his mind amply stored with musical material, and should have mastered music from the intellectual side. He must, first of all, have material for his imagination to deal with, must acquire musical experience. Accordingly, we find that all the great masters of composition have diligently studied the works of their predecessors and have missed no opportunities to hear the best music. They have studied them also from the intellectual and technical side; have become masters of the technic of composition. They have realized that no matter what ideas a composer may have, he can only become an artist by acquiring the power to express them. This they have done by infinite painstaking, and so much have they been impressed with the necessity of this, and that the greatest of them have repeatedly said, in one form or another, that genius is only the art of taking pains.

But this is not enough. Given an original, creative mind, with acute musical perceptions, ample intellectual and technical attainments and a clear comprehension of the relation of music to feeling, it still remains for him to decide what kind of emotion he will choose to embody in music. He may choose noble or ignoble subjects; he may, if he chooses, treat noble subjects in an ignoble way. This has often been done by composers of music for religious worship and for the drama. Nor can he escape moral choices even in purely instrumental music. He may make his music as high in aim as the Beethoven fifth symphony, or as unheroic, not to say frivolous and base, as an Offenbach waltz. This will depend on his own moral character. Base men cannot write great music, nor heroic men ignoble music; though even weak men may have their heroic moments and noble men their weak ones. But, other things being equal, the rank of a composer will depend on the nobility of his feeling and of his moral purpose. The relative rank of his works will depend on the degree in which they embody the noblest and best that is in him.

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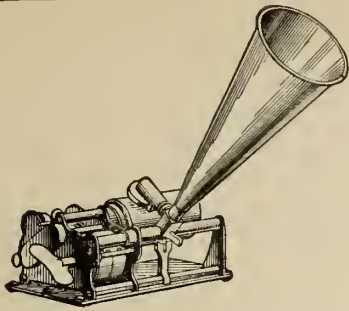
He has no amusements, and no diversions except in hunting. On Majuba Day—the anniversary of the battle in which the English were whipped—he, with friends and neighbors, meet in celebration. There is no noise, drunkenness, or disorder. It is simply an occasion for quiet, triumphant thanksgiving and a little patriotic oratory.

At stated periods he repairs with his family to the nearest church in observance of *Nachtmal*,—equivalent to the Scottish "Communion Day,"—and, camping out among the assembled brethren and sisters of the faith, they enjoy for several days a happy season of religious and social intercourse. His love of country is intense, and splendid marksman that he is, he finds in him a competent and ready defender. At the call to arms, every male capable of bearing it takes rifle and with his horse hurries to the rendezvous of his district. The pastors meet with them, and with prayers and psalms the farmer soldiers march to battle in defense of native land. Such is the real Boer, and such he might continue to be, if what he considers the accursed gold had never been discovered in his country.—*The Youth's Companion*.

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CARE OF THE EYES IN ADULT LIFE.

BY DR. S. B. ST. JOHN.

Within the limits of such an article as the present one, it is impossible to do more than outline the more important factors to which attention should be given to make eye-work as little fatiguing as possible. These factors are: Proper illumination; moderation in amount or continuousness of work; freedom from undue eye-strain when working; freedom from inflammatory or irritative conditions of the eye itself and proper condition of the general system.

The order given above is perhaps the order of importance, or at least, the order in which mistakes are most liable to be made. Good daylight is of course superior to any artificial illumination. But many eyes are injured by using under fading daylight under the mistaken impression that any kind of daylight is better than artificial light. Of artificial lights we have to choose between lamps, gas and electricity. The two former have the disadvantages of heating and vitiating the surrounding air. The essential points of a good light are, first, sufficient illuminating power; second, steadiness; third, absence of heat and vitiation of the air. It will be seen that the electric light at its best is the ideal one, but the power and steadiness are, unfortunately, not always what could be wished. Moreover the introduction of electricity into our houses is not universal enough to enable us to ignore our other luminants.

As regards the quality of the light, there is no choice between lamps and gas, but gas in an "open" burner, i. e., without a chimney, is never as steady as it should be. A chimney, i. e., an Argand burner, should always be used. And the so-called incandescent gas, of which the Welsbach burner was the pioneer, affords the best gas light, by reason of the brilliant illumination, the steadiness and the relatively slight heating power. The so-called "German Student Lamp" is excellent for steadiness and slight heating quality, but is somewhat deficient in illuminating power and does not afford light enough for fine work, unless the work can be brought nearly under it on the table or desk while with the Welsbach, or 16-candle power incandescent bulb, one may safely read with the back to the light, thus shading the eyes and dispensing with the annoying reflections from the white surface of the work. There are, however, many forms of work which do not allow of this position, and when it is unavoidable to face the light a screen should be used upon the forehead, unless the

light be covered with an *opaque* shade, by which all the light is reflected downwards. A shade that permits a large part of the light to pass through such as the white porcelain shades in such common use is not a good shade to work by; but it may be made so by dropping over it a dense dark-colored paper shade. When working, the eyes are unconsciously raised from time to time and they should not be met by a flow of intense light, but by a subdued light which will rest and refresh them. One should avoid if possible working facing a window or a lamp, but if this cannot be helped a forehead shade will remove a great deal of the difficulty, provided that the position be slightly to one side of the source of light; as in that way the reflections from the white parts of the work, e. g., the margins and blank spaces of a book, are thrown off over the shoulder and diverted from the face. This is especially true of artificial light when the illumination is from a small point.

The second factor: Moderation in amount or continuousness of work is one which can be dealt with only in general terms, what would be moderation for one would be excess for another. For the average normal eye in a healthy adult ten hours' work, properly distributed, ought not to be considered excessive and doubtless many do more without injury. The secret of getting much work without discomfort, lies in occasional rests, or change of work, and these rests need not necessarily be more than a few minutes. Perhaps the best rule is to cease work as soon as one begins to be unpleasantly conscious of one's eyes—not waiting until positive pain sets in.

A very large number of eyes fail to do work easily because of optical conditions or muscular weaknesses which make their use abnormally hard. These conditions are sometimes hereditary, sometimes acquired, sometimes they are accompanied by *defective* vision, either for distant or near objects, or both. Sometimes the vision for any distance may be absolutely perfect and yet considerable eye-strain exist. The latter case includes those who have headaches from eye strain, but whose visual acuity is unimpeachable.

It may be asked, How can one tell whether these optical conditions or muscular irregularities exist? No one but a trained oculist can answer the question in all cases, but in the following cases a suspicion arises, viz., 1st, when there is any noticeable difference from other persons in ability to see clearly either far off or at reading distance. 2nd, when, though possessed of good sight, the eye tires quickly and aches, fills with water or grows red. 3rd, when the focussing power seems to give out too soon, so that print which at first was perfectly plain grows blurred after a half hour or so. 4th, when eyework is frequently or persistently followed by headaches, either over the eyes or in the back of the head. 5th, when dull headache, not explained by any of the ordinary headache causes, exists nearly all the

time in a person otherwise in good health. In all such cases, the oculist's aid should be sought.

It would seem to be superfluous to caution any one against reading or sewing with red, inflamed or watery eyes, and yet many do it. A large proportion doubtless belong to the class referred to who are working their eyes under a strain which perpetuates the redness and inflammation and can only be relieved by correcting the faulty conditions by the use of glasses. Oculists are often found fault with for prescribing glasses when a lotion was wanted, the patient failing to see that while a lotion might give comfort it would be temporary, while the glass by removing the strain cures permanently. The condition of the general system is seldom taken into account in the use of the eyes. We often hear some one say that she was too tired to do anything else and so had spent the day lying down and reading, apparently unaware of the fact that this method of passing the time called for a sustained muscular effort of a character that might fully be compared with that necessary to accomplish a long walk. To keep up this muscular effort of course necessitated an expenditure of a good deal of nerve force since all muscular energy is set in action by nerve power and the poor woman wonders why her head aches and why she feels so tired when she has "rested" all day.

The question is often asked, what is the best lotion to use when the eyes are tired. That which is bought at the drug store is usually the most prized and most faithfully used, but it is often far inferior to simple salt and water. A teaspoonful of salt dissolved in a pint of tepid water makes a safe and very efficient application for simple fatigue. Rest from work and the avoidance of irritation from strong light on awaking or from turning up a light suddenly at night or from working on irritating colors, notably reds and yellows, will usually be all that is needed for eyes that are merely tired.



WOMAN'S WORK

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

The Hartford Union held its annual meeting Sept. 19th.

The secretary's report was very satisfactory as to the work for the year, attempted and accomplished.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Mrs. C. B. Forbes, re-elected president; Mrs. J. H. Spencer, 1st vice-president; Mrs. F. A. Brockett, 2d vice-president; Mrs. A. D. Cross, secretary; Mrs. J. H. Spencer, treasurer.

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Oct. 31st to take the place of one omitted on account of the State Convention, Oct. 3rd.

Mrs. C. B. Forbes has gone to attend the National Convention at Seattle, Wash. After her return she will give an account of that convention at a social meeting to be held on Tuesday, at 3 P. M., Nov. 7th, in the C. E. Room at the Fourth Church. Every one interested is cordially invited to be present.

The twenty-fourth annual convention of the Connecticut Woman's Christian Temperance Union, held in Willimantic, Oct. 3, 4 and 5, was a very successful and enthusiastic gathering with 175 delegates present and many visitors. Reports of work done during the year were very satisfactory. 60,000 leaflets have been distributed in the state. 2,923 of the 15,223 members in the Sunday-schools have signed the pledge. These red, white and blue pledges were a prominent part of the decorations of the church, being looped around the platform with a very pleasing effect. The teaching of scientific temperance in the schools is growing in efficiency. In the Loyal Temperance Legion there are 1333 members in the state. 397 children have taken the pledge during the year. Other departments of work reported good progress along their lines.

A very touching and impressive ceremony was the unveiling of a fine portrait of Miss Francis E. Willard, executed by Artist Colin S. Pitblando, of this city. Mrs. Forbes and Miss Jessie Ackerman spoke very feelingly of the beloved chieftain, whom we feel is still present with us.

Mrs. C. B. Forbes was re-elected for the 17th time, and the other general officers were also re-elected.

On Tuesday evening, Mrs. Forbes gave her annual address which was a very able presentation of the aims and hopes of the organization and of the work done in the past and planned for the future. Next year as the quarter-century mark is reached it is hoped to make the occasion a memorable one.

On Wednesday evening an inspiring, earnest and very eloquent address on "The World's Greatest Need" was given by Miss Jessie A. Ackerman, one of the Round-the-World Missionaries, which was listened to with intense interest and often enthusiastically applauded.

Mrs. J. B. Smith of Berlin, President of the Hartford County Union, has arranged a group meeting, consisting of the Unions in Hartford, Parkville, Wethersfield and East Hartford, which will be held in the Chapel of the Fourth church Oct. 19th, at 1.30 P. M. Papers will be read on the following subjects: "The W. C. T. U. and Expansion," by Mrs. L. W. Bunce of New Britain; "Temperance work in Sunday-schools and its Methods," by Mr. John B. Smith of Berlin, to be followed by discussions after which, at 3.30, Mrs. J. K. Barney of Providence, R. I., will give an address.

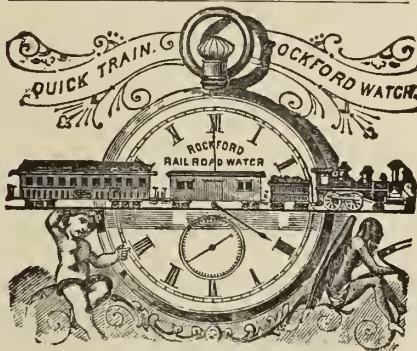
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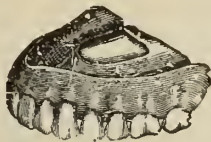
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As the October "Century" appears simultaneously with the reception to Admiral Dewey in New York, the timeliest of its contents is Rear Admiral Sampson's hearty tribute to the hero of Manila, whom he ranks with Nelson and Farragut. This is preceded by an article of cognate interest—Lieut Edward

description of the failure of his last experiment with gun-casting.

Queen Victoria commands the universal admiration and respect of the American people, but few know this nation owes her a debt of gratitude for having saved us from war by her admiral diplomacy. This unwritten incident of American history will be fully discussed by Edward Page Gaston in the November "Woman's Home Companion."

The 'College Man's Number of The "Saturday Evening Post," issued Oct. 26th, though planned primarily to appeal to university men, past and present, will interest all who care for the short story at its best. Robert W. Chambers, in "The Spirit of the North," tells of the adventures of a party of Columbia

country. He describes the faults and virtues of the people as he noted them in various conditions of their society. He does not attempt to discuss the diplomatic features of South African affairs, but according to his own expression he shows "the moral aspect of the situation as it unfolded itself to an American whose pride in the Anglo-Saxon race causes him to wish that there were more justice and less venom in the grievances of the Uitlanders."

The book is very readable and will be found valuable for "posting up" on the Boer question.

The illustrations are from photographs and are numerous and good. A new portrait of "Uncle" Paul is the best one we have seen. A good photograph of Cecil Rhodes is also contained in the volume.



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From Oom Paul's People.

W. Eberle's account of the Oregon's great voyage.

The frontispiece of the magazine is a portrait, drawn by John W. Alexander, of the Hon. John Morley, M. P., whose historical study of Cromwell is to begin next month. A study of Mr. Morley himself, by an anonymous M. P., accompanies the portrait.

The October number of "Self Culture Magazine" presents a handsome portrait of Admiral Dewey, and the Table of Contents displays a list of articles that will please all classes of readers. The illustrated papers are delightful by the super-excellence of the engraver's work, the plates having a clearness that is not surpassed by any other magazine. An account of the life and struggles of Dr. Gatling, of gun-making fame, is quite pathetic in its

naturalists and their quest of the dingie—hitherto supposed to be extinct—in the unknown country behind the Hudson Mountains. This story is a rather remarkable combination of exciting action and inimitable humor. Charles Macomb Flandrau contributes "Prince Protococoff and the Press Club," an irresistibly funny episode of Cambridge life. Jesse Lynch Williams chronicles "The Great College-Circus Fight" between Princeton students and a passing Wild-West Show; and Arthur Hobson Quinn tells the story of "The Last Five Yards."

Oom Paul's People. By Howard C. Hillegas. 308 pages, 12 mo. New York: D. Appleton & Co. Price \$1.50.

The author attempts to give a fair, impartial opinion of the Boers and their

Oliver Iverson. By Ann Devoore. 181 pages, 16 mo. Chicago: H. S. Stone & Co. Price 50 cents.

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A Dash for a Throne. By Arthur W. Marchmont. 352 pages, 12 mo. New York: New Amsterdam Book Company. Price \$1.25.

To say that this story suggests Anthony Hope would be to repeat a trite

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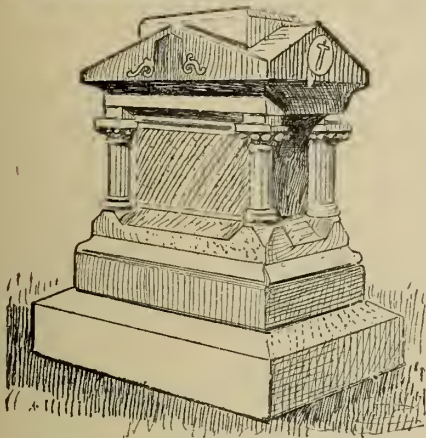
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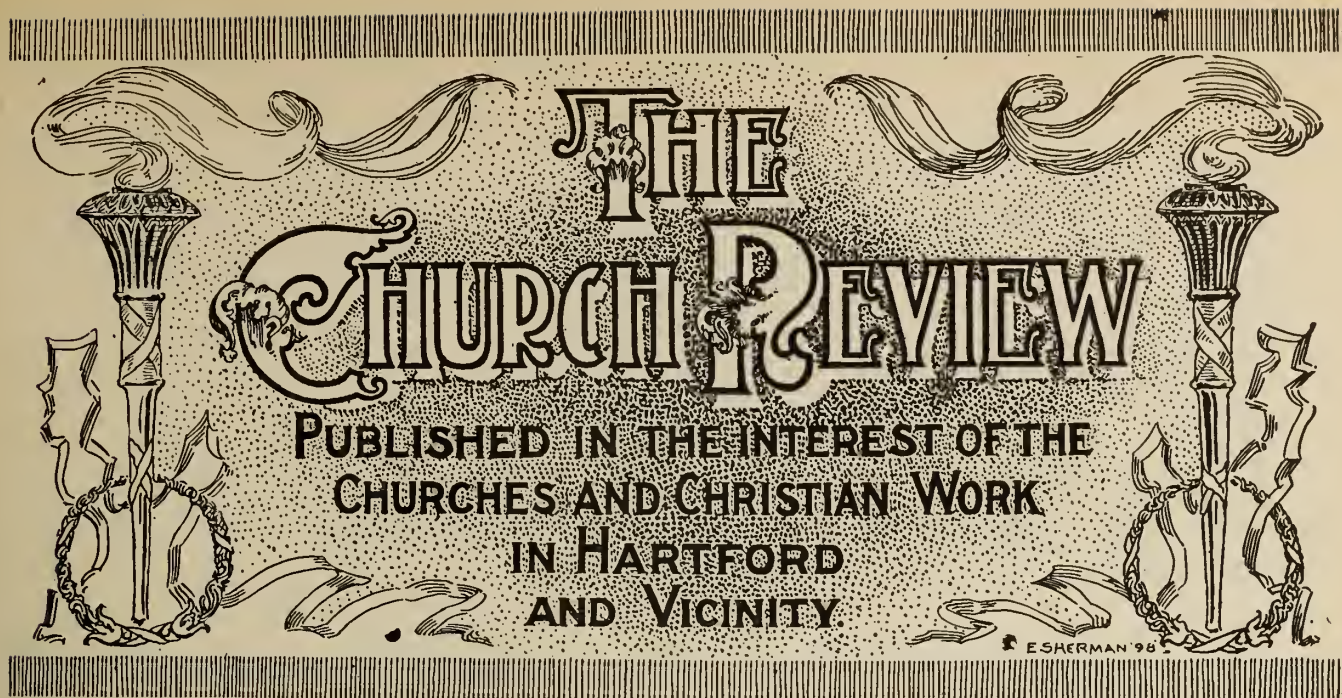
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HALF TRUTHS.

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In these days of "Isms" and "Schisms," the question of Pilate, "What is truth?" is most apropos. A complete answer to this question is doubtless beyond the ken of the finite mind. A knowledge of certain characteristics of truth, however, may assist us to approximate correct conclu-

sions concerning it. We observe, therefore, that truth is, at least, two-sided; or, more truthfully speaking, it is many sided; it is cubic; it has, at least, three dimensions; length, breadth and thickness. Recently one Doctor of Divinity said to another, "You do not see all sides of universal truth." "No," replied the other, "none but omniscience can." He might have added, no finite mind can see "all sides" of even one truth. Hence the great danger of being deceived. The acceptance of half or part truths, with the rejection of the other half or parts, is the curse of the age. A part or half when taken alone is often more misleading than a whole falsehood. Great care, therefore, should be taken to look on as many sides of truth as possible, although we may not see them all, lest we be driven about by "every wind of doctrine," or carried away by the "cunning craftiness of men." Furthermore, we must not be too hasty in reaching our conclusions, or too dogmatic in stating them, lest, upon further and more careful investigation we have to retract.

In keeping with the above statements our purpose in this article is suggestive, rather than exhaustive. Both time and space, to say nothing of the lack of "omniscience," forbid more. We will apply the principle suggested to a few fundamental questions only and leave the reader to continue such application to others at his leisure and discretion. We will proceed interrogatively.

First let us take the very familiar, but ever present and practical question of "Intemperance." Some viewing it from the standpoint of ethical free-

dom, say that moral suasion from the view point of legislation, as emphatically declare that in legal suasion alone is found a cure. Now we must admit that there is a half truth on each side. But is not the whole undoubtedly found in the unison of both? Should not the law and the gospel go hand in hand? Is not the function of law that of a schoolmaster to bring men to Christ? And is it not the function of the gospel to save men in Christ? Therefore does not the "ultimate success of the temperance reform rest chiefly upon the combined and sanctified influence of the family, the church and the state?"

But in the second place let us consider the question of "Mind and Matter." One says there is nothing real in the universe but matter. Another, that the only real thing is mind. Now to a degree both are probably right. One has said: "He who says there is no matter, it is no matter what he says." But the kind of reality of matter is undoubtedly temporal; whereas the reality of mind is eternal.

The Bible, it will be observed, speaks of the seen as temporal and the unseen as eternal, but it does not say that they are not both real. Hence, are physical disease and death simply the imaginations of the intellect or are they realities? A grain of truth there probably is in "Hypnotism," "Mental Science," "Christian Science" (falsely so called), etc., for the mind undoubtedly has a large influence over the body, but is that influence uncircumscribed or unlimited? Is the whole truth to be found in these "Isms" or only a part of it at most?

Again take the question of "Man's

Mental and Moral Natures." Does not a true conception of man include both the intellect and the emotions? The highest compliment ever paid to John Wesley was that expressed by a Congregational minister when he said: "He developed both mind and heart." Does not experience prove that mind culture without the heart tends toward cold formalism? Whereas is it not equally well demonstrated that heart culture without the head leads to wild fanaticism? Is not one equally as bad as the other? May not a ship as well be burned by fire, as crushed by icebergs? The sun sheds forth both light and heat. Should not this be true also of man? Light from his intellect and warmth from his heart?

The question of "Organism and Life," or "Machinery and Power," is a very timely one in these days. Let us apply our principle to this. Organism is both and necessary, but is not organism without life a dead body? The trolley, the track, the car, etc., are necessary, but if the "power stops" is there any movement? Is not the supreme need electricity? Education, culture, wealth, social position, etc., are needful, but is not the "need of needs," spiritual power? Never before has the church had so much machinery; has she a corresponding amount of boiler power? One has recently said we do with "iron bars and perspiration" what we ought to do with "majestic ease" simply because we lack spiritual power. Fire we know is a dangerous thing, but how can we get along without it. If only we had life and power in proportion to our forms, ceremonies, organizations, equipments, paraphernalia, etc., could we not ere long win the world for Christ?

The kindred subjects of "Evangeline" and "Christian Culture" claim our careful attention today. The salvation of men is the supreme work of the church. It is accomplished through regeneration and religious nurture. First chronologically, if not in importance, is the new birth. Christian culture is a good thing, a necessary thing, but growth, development and edification, cannot precede life. A tree must be planted before it can grow. Hence closely related to this subject is "Man's Natural Relation to God." Is he naturally a child of God or not? Originally, we are taught, he was created in the moral image and likeness of God, but has he not lost that image through sin? Has he not sold his moral birthright? It is true he is still in a sense a child of God, since God has "made of one blood all nations of men." He is still God's "offspring." But is he a son of God in

the high ethical sense used in the Scriptures? Spiritually, is he not a servant of sin, a child of Satan? Can he claim spiritual sonship until he is "born again?" Said Christ: "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the spirit is spirit." Says Paul: "The natural man cannot receive the things of the spirit, neither can he know them, for they are spiritually discerned." Would the word adoption have any place in the Bible if man were naturally a child of God? A "new creature in Christ," "born of God," "born of the spirit," is not he and he alone a true child of God? Would not the usual literal interpretation of the parable of the prodigal, which makes him a child of God, if applied in the same way to other kindred parables, make man a "piece of money," a "sheep" or even a "goat?" What the natural man needs therefore, is it not what Ian McLaren calls the "sixth sense," the sense of faith, that he may discern the things of God and thus "receive power to become" his child? I have dwelt thus at length on this point because of the general decay of evangelism in these days. Therefore I ask further, must the church be evangelical before it can be evangelistic. Must it not evangelize men before it can "build them up on their most holy faith?" Will not the church or the individual that ceases to be evangelical soon cease to be evangelistic soon die spiritually. The Sunday evening service, so sadly neglected in these days, is probably best adapted of any to promote the spirit of evangelism. The services of the Sabbath are culminative and probably more conversions have occurred in the past on Sunday evenings than at any other time. Is it not a great mistake, therefore, for Christians to neglect these services, or for churches to give them up? In Canada they are said to be more largely attended than any other of the day. Ought it not to be so here?

"What is Religion?" is a question which is often asked without receiving a correct answer. Some say it is the "love and worship of God." Others that it is the "love and service of man." Is it not unquestionably both? The first four commandments relate to our duty to God. The last six to our duty to man. Christ summed them all up thus: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and thy neighbor as thyself." Religion is, therefore, more than either morality or spirituality, it includes both. Faith and works must go together. "Look up, lift up" is a good motto. Thoreau once said: "We should not only be good, but good for something." A good man, commonly

speaking, is not necessarily a godly man. But a godly man must be a good man. Worship and service cannot be divorced. (We have spoken somewhat dogmatically on this point, but think none will dispute the position taken.)

Other questions which are suggested by this discussion, but which can scarcely be outlined at this time, are the following: "The Nature of Christ—Was He both human and Divine?" Was he the "Son of Man," and also the "Son of God?" In the bible he is called both. Was not Peter's reply to the question, "Whom say ye that I (the Son of Man) am?" "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God," the confession or "rock" upon which Christ said he would "build His church and the gates of hell should not prevail against it? If so, then ought we not to believe in both the humanity and deity of Christ?

"The Gospel of Christ—Is it one of peace or warfare?" is a question frequently raised. We answer, is it not both? He is called the "Prince of Peace" and when he was born the angels sang of "peace on earth." Yet He said He "came not to bring peace but a sword." This paradox we think is easily explained. Is it not a gospel of peace to believers, but of aggressive warfare against sin?

"The sovereignty of God and the moral freedom of man." How much has been said on this subject and how heated at times has been the controversy, but mainly because the subject was looked at from different viewpoints. Is not the truth found in accepting both God's sovereignty and man's free moral agency, although we may not be able to determine where the two great half truths join together or how they harmonize?

"The Moral Nature of God" is another question which has caused almost endless dispute, and principally because of the different standpoints taken. Is God "love," or is He a "consuming fire?" Is He not both? Toward righteousness is He not love? Toward sin is He not a "consuming fire?" Can He look upon sin with any degree of allowance? If He could, would He be God? Hence both the hope of reward and the fear of punishment are used in the bible as incentives to righteousness. Therefore to declare the "whole council of God," is it not to use both the "love" and the "terrors" of the Lord in persuading men? But in conclusion let us look for a moment at the "Law of Duality or Opposites," so apparent in the natural world. In the physical realm we have day and night, light and darkness, summer and winter, heat and cold, health and disease, life and death,

etc. In the moral realm we have good and evil, righteousness and sin, God and Satan, Heaven and hell. Is it true that this same law of opposites obtains in the world to come? Can it be that when we come to see both sides or 'all sides of universal truth' we shall find even Heaven itself has an opposite? At any cost let us seek "the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth" in every question we investigate.

HILLYER INSTITUTE.

Very few of the people in this city have any conception of the amount and quality of work done at Hillyer Institute of the Young Men's Christian Association. The accompanying illustrations taken from the latest catalogue will be a surprise to many.

The Hartford Association had conducted educational classes for a number of years before Hillyer Institute came into existence. But the work was limited to four or five classes with an enrollment of about one hundred. In 1892 through the kindness of Appleton R. Hillyer and Miss Clara E. Hillyer an endowment of \$50,000 was provided for the educational department of the Association as a memorial to their deceased father. From that time, this department, known as Hillyer Institute, has carried on a successful work, even surpassing the expectations of some of its best friends. With the income from the endowment it was possible to increase the number of branches taught until there were 19 successful classes with an enrollment of 422.

As six-sevenths of our youth leave school at or before 14 years of age, there is a large field for evening educational work. After two or three years' experience in an office, shop or

store, some of these boys, now young men, realize the importance of an education and are willing to study evenings. Not only has the Institute reached such young men, but it has also afforded an opportunity to study subjects taught nowhere else in this city. Long before the question of manual training in the public schools was agitated, the buzzing of the saw and the tinkling of the anvil could be heard at Hillyer Institute. The anvils continue to tinkle and the saws to buzz. Ten men are in the forging class this season and woodwork is so popular with the juniors that a second class was organized which has also reached its limit, leaving out more boys who wish to become members.

Much good has been done by the Institute to young men who knew their lack of proper training to fill their present positions and to others who have received promotion. While no rash statements are made guaranteeing positions to its students, the thor-

ough instruction received has resulted in giving young men such positions.

Many incidents could be given where young men have received better wages and more congenial employment. During the past six years shop employees have become office men, clerks have become bookkeepers or stenographers, machinists' apprentices have become draftsmen, and they will all say that it was due to the instruction received at Hillyer Institute.

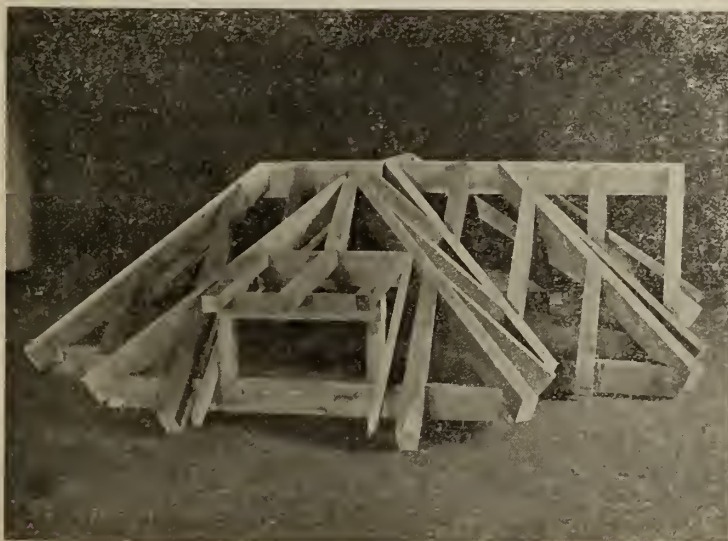
Not only are the young men of Hartford being benefitted by these evening classes, but others who come from surrounding towns. In one season as many as 42 have come from the following towns, viz.: South Glastonbury, Glastonbury, Windsor Locks, Wethersfield, South Manchester, Manchester, Thompsonville, New Britain, Windsor, Bristol, Collinsville, East Hartford, East Berlin, Unionville, East Windsor Hill, Hopewell, Rocky Hill, Newington and Bloomfield.

The Institute has received earnest calls from young men for machine shop and other trade school facilities. We hope this provision will be amply provided, for it is one of the greatest immediate needs of the city. We quote from an address printed in the American Machinist for September 7, 1899, given by Prof. John E. Sweet of Syracuse before an audience of mechanics and manufacturers, where he says:

"The apprentice wants to get all the money he can, or get along the fastest he can, and the keynote of this is the keynote of life, whether an apprentice, a workman, a master, a railroad president, a college professor or an author. 'It is to work, and to work hard, and to do everything one does in as good time as others do, and do the job as well as any one can, and better than others if he can.' (The emphasis is ours.) And when you come to the money part, the question must be not how can I get the most money for



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what I do, but how can I earn more money.

"The journeyman, like the apprentice, wants more pay, and there are two ways that he can try and get it. One is to earn it, the other to strike. It is a common expression for the journeyman to say that he is earning all he gets. If that is all he is doing, his employer cannot afford to have him around. If he is not earning more than twice what he gets its the same thing. Some men are willing and anxious to do better, but the foreman or employer will not let them. In the latter case it is hopeless, except to change employers."

Hillyer Institute has a noble aim, that of helping young men to help themselves. Its students are among

the most ambitious and plucky young men of the city, and they will be better citizens, more contented and influential because of what Hillyer Institute is doing and will do in the future for them.

THE NEW ORGAN

At the Farmington Avenue Congregational Church.

This splendid instrument can be said to be fully representative of the perfection to which the art of organ building has advanced, and will take rank as one of the finest organs in the state. The work of construction was entrusted to the firm of Muller & Abel, of New York, the men who worked under Hilborn Roosevelt, and who earned

for him the reputation of being the foremost organ builder in the world.

The instrument is a three manual and pedal organ. The case is decorated in white and gold, with ornamental relief work, giving a striking and beautiful effect. It is thirty-eight feet long, twenty-eight feet high, and twelve feet deep, occupying nearly the entire space of the organ.

The organ contains thirty-five speaking stops, eleven in the great organ, twelve in the swell, eight in the choir, and four in the pedal organ. It has seven couplers, by which various parts of the organ can be combined, besides ten auxiliary pedal movements, including the swell, choir, and the crescendo and diminuendo pedals. The last named pedals are of a novel character, and furnish complete control over the entire instrument. By a single stroke on the former pedal, a gradual crescendo, or increase of tone, from the softest stop to the full organ, is obtained without disturbing the existing arrangement of knobs, the rapidity of the crescendo being regulated by the degree of speed used in pressing down the pedal; a diminuendo, or reverse effect, is accomplished by raising the pedal slowly.

The action is "tubular pneumatic," with a separate pallet for every pipe. The construction and operation are such as to preclude the possibility of nearly all the derangements common to organs arising from variations of temperature or weather. No matter how large the organ, this plan renders the touch light and elastic, and dispenses with the complicated "pneu-



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matic levers;" but, best of all, it insures a degree of perfection in the manner of repetition never before attained in an organ. The objectionable "sliders" heretofore in use are dispensed with, and every part is easily accessible for removal or replacement in case of accident.

The blowing apparatus consists of one large bellows, with two feeders, operated by a Spencer water motor placed in the basement of the church. From the bellows the compressed air is conveyed through a large wind trunk to regulators in the organ, thus insuring absolute steadiness, and is thence distributed to the different parts of the organ through separate wind trunks. All the wind trunks are furnished with telescope joints to avoid the weight of wind chests and pipes being transferred to them by possible shrinkage or settling. All the mechanism throughout the organ—much less than was required in the old methods—exhibits a specially perfect sample of the highest class of workmanship, and every piece of hardware, except the screws, is either silver or nickel plated.

The voicing of the organ, on which mainly depends the success of the instrument, was done under the personal supervision of Mr. Charles Engelfried, the most renowned in this line in the country. Mr. Engelfried was for years the chief voicer for Mr. Roosevelt, and has voiced this organ in a masterly manner, and in a way to suit the rich acoustics of the church.

In addition to the choir and swell organs being inclosed in swell boxes, a part of the great organ is inclosed in the choir swell box, thus giving power to control some otherwise more assertive stops, and rendering possible some very beautiful effects in the operation of the swell boxes.

Altogether the instrument is one of the highest degree of perfection, and is admirably suited to its surroundings, and capable of meeting the greatest demands of the player.

The organist, Mr. Benjamin W. Loveland, who has also been the organist for the last seven years at the old Pearl street church, gave his special attention to the make-up and specification of the organ, in conjunction with the committee and builders, and is to be congratulated on the result attained.

Mr. Loveland gives his first recital on the new organ on Friday evening, November 24th, assisted by Mrs. F. P. Furlong, contralto, to which the public is cordially invited.

God wants us to find out that happiness does not come by getting but by giving.



Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Jewell Hall was comfortably filled at our first Wednesday night entertainment. Miss B. E. Hobson in her rendition of "The Christmas Star" was especially good while the Negro Melodies of the quartette pleased all.

Mrs. Josephine Wyant of Washington, D. C., the well known impersonator will appear at the second entertainment.

The Good Government Club organized upon a permanent basis at its meeting Friday night, November 3rd.

The remarks of Mayor M. B. Preston, on Municipal Government were good. Dr. L. L. Doggett, president of the Springfield Training school spoke interestingly.

The club meets for the study of political questions the first and third Friday nights of each month. Mr. H. P. Meech was chosen president.

Tuesday evening, November 7th, the Literary Society made its appearance among the other various association organizations. Professor J. J. McCook made a short address after which the report of the committee on organization was made and officers elected.

The Complimentary Reception tendered to our friends under the supervision of the membership committee Wednesday night, November 8th, was a grand success. The music by the orchestra and male quartette and the baseball game played between the Travelers Insurance and Association teams were greatly appreciated by the many in attendance.

"Princess Rosebud," an entertainment to be given, in Unity hall, Friday evening, November 24th, and Saturday afternoon, November 25th, under the auspices of the Ladies' Auxiliary promises to be a great success. This musical extravaganza which is based on Thackeray's Christmas Pantomime, "The Rose and the Ring," has been given in many cities and always attracts a large audience. Its first appearance in Hartford should be largely attended. One hundred or more children and young people including some of our best local talent will take part so that all may be sure of witnessing a most excellent entertainment. Tickets may be obtained at the Y. M. C. A. office or at Mr. C. A. Rapelye's Drug store, 853 Main street.

The New Testament Greek Bible class is exceedingly interesting. The class meets every Saturday evening at

7 p. m. in the parlors. Call around at the next meeting and join in the work.

Sunday following the afternoon service Mr. E. H. Smith of the Hartford Theological Seminary conducts a general Bible class taking up the study of strong Bible characters.

In accordance with the universal observance of the week, November 12-19, as the week of prayer among the association of the world, the Hartford association held prayer and song services each evening during the week with the exception of Saturday. The meetings were fairly well attended and quite successful under the direction of Rev. H. B. Roberts. Sunday, November 19th, was made the climax to the week's work when Mr. Roberts spoke effectively on the "Servants of the King."

The Thanksgiving dinner given by the Y. M. C. A. to young men in the city who are boarding away from home will be given as usual this year. Several hundred invitations have been sent out.

The second number in the series of Wednesday night entertainments will be given in Jewell hall, December 6th, when Mrs. A. Josephine Wyant, the well known impersonator of Washington, D. C., will appear. Mrs. E. A. Burnham of this city, one of Hartford's best vocalists will also assist in offering the members and friends an excellent evening's entertainment.

THE OPEN HEARTH.

The work of the Mission is constantly increasing, and our Superintendent is constantly devising new schemes of doing good. Besides the numbers who have attended the meetings during the past month and who have expressed their determination to live better lives in the future, the amount of physical good done has been great. The Reading Room as usual affords an opportunity to large numbers who come in for an hour or so to enjoy the warmth and light, receive and cheering word and perhaps read some interesting and instructive book. The way is thus prepared and the influence gained which often leads to better things.

PURE WATER—During the recent drouth, and while none but river water has been supplied to the people on the east side of the city, Superintendent Miller determined to do what he could for families in the neighborhood of the Mission by supplying them with water taken from an artesian well. Jugs were purchased and families who sent to the Mission were allowed to take a sufficient quantity to supply their needs, returning the jug when empty. Thus much suffering and disease has been prevented. Many who have never before felt the good effects of the Mission now realize its benefits.

GOSPEL WAGON WORKERS—The work of those connected with the Gospel Wagon did not close with the season. Superintendent Miller procured the use of the Swedish Methodist church on Hungerford street and meetings are held there at 3 o'clock every Sunday afternoon. The attendance is good and it is hoped in this way to help those in that section of the city who attend no regular service. Much interest has been manifested and it is believed much good will result.



ASYLUM HILL CONGREGATIONAL.

The social committee invite the congregation to a thank-offering supper in the parlors on Friday evening, November 17. The donation of 35 cents, and clothing for the missionary boxes, it is hoped all will bring. The idea of a thank-offering entertainment is most suitable to the season.

Miss May Jones has recently returned from Europe and has re-opened the Social Settlement as resident directress. She is earnestly hoping for additional funds with which to prosecute this most useful work.

The "Daisy Chain," the missionary society of the little children, held its last meeting on Friday. The members are to be incorporated into the Mission band, where they will receive a hearty welcome.

The money donated by the Sunday school during November, is by its vote to be sent towards the equipping of a hospital for the Indians in Oklahoma.

SOUTH PARK METHODIST.

The printing of a weekly bulletin is made possible through the assistance of the Y. P. S. C. E., which supplied the funds for the purchase of a printing press, and by the generous services of a committee of our brethren who are printers.

The boys and girls are enthusiastic over the success of the recently organized Junior C. E. society. An average attendance of thirty-five meet with the superintendent, Mrs. E. S. Ferry, every Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The Ladies' Aid society gave a successful Chicken Pie supper in the chapel October 27th.

At the last business meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E., Mr. P. H. Ober was elected director of the Hartford C. E. union.

During the last two weeks of October the church has been undergoing some repairs and the main audience room has been thoroughly cleaned.

Miss Gertrude R. Gale, who united with our church May 1, 1898, died after a brief sickness on October 19th. She leaves a record of faithful, gentle Christian living.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

The different organizations and Guilds have entered into their winter's work with a zeal and enthusiasm which promises a busy helpful year.

The Sunday school began the afternoon sessions at 2:30 on the first Sunday in November. There was a good attendance of both pupils and teachers and the number bids fair to increase materially owing to the tireless efforts of our good superintendent.

The Young Men's Bible class meets at 10 o'clock on Sunday mornings. The attendance has not been large, but we are confidently expecting a material increase in our numbers.

The St. John's Parish Guild held its first meeting on St. Luke's day, October 18th. The first meeting was of course for organization, which was most satisfactorily effected, so that now, this important branch of the parish work is entered on another year of loving, helpful work.

The St. John's Missionary Society has also organized and is in good working order.

The Young People's societies, the Girls' Friendly society and the Knights of Temperance have had several meetings and are now well settled in their winter's campaign.

We must not forget to mention our work at the Sheldon Street Mission. We are late in beginning this year, owing to the bad condition of the building and the prevalence of sickness in that locality, but now the building has been thoroughly cleaned and repaired. We have a large attendance and are in need of more teachers.

The young people of the parish spent a most delightful Hallowe'en at Miss Hayden's in East Hartford. Miss Hayden most kindly invited the Girls' Friendly society and the Knights of Temperance, and despite the rain, nearly every member of both societies was present, and all will have lasting and pleasant recollections of Hallowe'en of 1899 at Miss Hayden's.

BLOOMFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

Following the Endeavor service Sunday evenings, our pastor has been giving a series of short talks on such subjects as Duty, Enthusiasm, Forgiveness, Conversion, etc.

So bright and practical has been the treatment of these rather commonplace themes, that it cannot be otherwise than that much good will be accomplished by emphasizing the important truths connected with them.

The past week records the perfecting

of a new organization in the Sunday school to be known as the "Yokefellows Class." This is a move on the part of the class of young men, which for nearly twelve years has been taught by F. C. Bidwell, to make more permanent and influential the work of the class along the lines of Christian fellowship. Bible study and in matters pertaining to the welfare of the church and community.

Three new active members have recently been added to the society, which partially compensates for the many losses we have sustained in the past year.

Three new teachers have been secured for classes in the Sunday school. F. L. Granger is to act as superintendent during the absence of our regular superintendent this winter.

TRINITY CHURCH.

In connection with the Sunday school convention held in this city October 16th, there was tea served at the Parish House at 6 o'clock, followed by addresses by Rev. H. I. Bodley of New Britain, and Rev. Mr. Atchison of Middletown, who spoke on the subject of the Sunday school Auxilliary to the Board of Missions which is about to be organized.

November 5th, it was our pleasure to listen to Rev. M. Bishop of Salt Lake City, who presented phases of the missionary work among the Mormons.

Wednesday, November 15th, Bishop Brooks of Oklahoma and Indian Territory will make an address at 2:30 p. m., in the church, on the subject of his work in that jurisdiction.

There will be an illustrated lecture in the chapel Friday evening, November 17th, at 8 o'clock by Rev. Dr. Merrill, who will have something very interesting to tell about the Oneida Indians. A cordial invitation is extended to be present.

Last Sunday evening the electric lights in the church went out just before the opening of the evening service, which made it necessary to adjourn to the chapel, where the gas lighting arrangements are in working order.

WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

Our church people are enjoying the sermons by Mr. Eldrige. But we miss having a regular pastor's work from house to house. We are a very united people, trying to work for the Master and hope good may come from this winter's efforts.

UNITY CHURCH.

On October 27th a reception was given Rev. Mr. Waite by the Hospitality committee, in the church parlors. There was an unusually large gathering, Mr. Waite's many friends taking the opportunity to express to him their grateful appreciation of his services and their deep regret on learning of his resignation.

On October 28th the regular Sunday school social was held. Supper was served and the evening's entertainment consisted of music, recitations and in guessing riddles and puzzles.

On October 29th Mr. Waite exchanged with Rev. A. H. Grant of Montclair, N. J., secretary of the Grant Family association. Mr. Grant gave us a very interesting sermon on "The Continuous Reformation."

Mrs. William Rogers of Pasadena, Cal., formerly of Hartford, has been visiting friends in this city.

The regular meetings of the Woman's Alliance and the Charitable society have been held. The former continues its study of Lowell.

FIRST BAPTIST.

On Wednesday evening, November 22, an Old Folks' Concert will be given under the auspices of the Circle of King's Daughters. An elaborate and attractive program has been prepared. The Beeman-Hatch orchestra, a chorus of sixty voices, a male quartet and a number of soloists will participate. The male quartet will consist of R. A. Johnstone, William L. Porter, L. M. Ames and C. S. Shumway. The soloists will be Mrs. L. M. Herrick, Miss Florence Crosby, W. L. Porter, C. H. Miner, and J. P. Comstock. All will appear in appropriate costumes. The tickets are fifty cents each.

Our "Men's Meetings" opened Sunday, November 5th, for the season of 1899-1900, when the largest attendance of any opening meeting thus far, marked the day.

Our Sunday evening praise service, which we hold in our vestibule, has a constantly growing attendance. Its hour of meeting has just been changed from 6:30 to 7 o'clock.

Tuesday evening, November 14th, the opening dinner of the Young Men's League took place. After the banquet, Mr. Joseph L. Barbour spoke on "Travels in Russia." All young men, whether of our congregation or not, are invited to join. The cost of membership is very small.

Once every month we devote a Thursday evening meeting to missionary subjects. A new committee is appointed each year which watches and

reports on the missionary progress of some particular country at each monthly meeting.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST.

It is well to show our love for, and appreciation of our friends while they are with us. And so on the twenty-fifth of October, a reception was given to our pastor and his wife on his return from a visit to his old home in Vermont. A large number of his friends and parishioners came to welcome him home and to assure him a hearty good will and sympathy in his work.

The president of our B. Y. P. U., Miss Maud Purinton, gave a report of the convention of the National Union at Richmond, at the state convention held in Waterbury in October.

During the past week meetings for prayer have been held each evening and these will be continued during the week to come.

Rally Day was observed by our Sunday school, on October twenty-ninth, with appropriate exercises. At that time two classes graduated from the primary department and received diplomas. The attendance was not so large as last year, owing to the weather. Anyone having no school home will be heartily welcomed here.

There have been several cases of illness among our young people the past few weeks. Among them are Eugene Bestor, who is recovering from diphtheria and Mrs. Charles E. Hall, who is reported somewhat better.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

The first meeting of the Men's League will be held Thursday, November 16th, at the Colt Memorial House. The speaker will be the Hon. Joseph L. Barbour and his subject, "Travels through Russia." Music and refreshments will follow. The League will have monthly meetings with addresses and singing at each meeting. The Rev. Dr. Smith and Prof. Luther of Trinity College will give addresses for the 2nd and 3rd meetings. All men in the parish and their friends are urged to join the League.

The bowling alleys at the Colt Memorial House have been leveled and trued up and highly finished, thus making them perfect for bowling. It will be welcome news to those who enjoy bowling.

Three beautiful memorial windows have been placed in the Church of the Good Shepherd by Mrs. Elizabeth H. Colt in memory of her sister, Mrs. Hettie Hart Jarvis Beach, widow of C. Nichols Beach, who died October

31, '98. The windows were unveiled Sunday, Nov. 5th and the rector preached a dedicatory sermon, taking for his subject, "Windows of Agate."

The Parish House is in active use nearly every evening in the week. It is a great aid and help to the church. There is a place for all workers in the different societies and organizations.

PARK CONGREGATIONAL.

A vesper service is now held at our church Sunday afternoons at 4 o'clock. A short sermon is given by the pastor and there is an abundance of good music.

The hour of the Young People's meeting has been changed, it now being held at the close of the vesper service.

On Tuesday evening, October 17th, a reception to the pastor was given which was largely attended.

The Horace Bushnell club began its meetings for the year on Tuesday evening, October 31st, when an address was given by Professor Luther of Trinity College on the subject, "Labor Saving Machinery." All men are invited to become members of this club.

FIRST METHODIST.

The members and friends of this church enjoyed a musical entertainment given at the church on Wednesday evening, November 8th. A large number were present and the evening passed very pleasantly.

On Thursday evening, November 9th, we had the pleasure of listening to Mrs. Blake from Bridgeport, who spoke to us of the Mt. Carmel Home for children.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society had charge of the services on Sunday morning. They had with them on Armenian Woman, to whom we had the pleasure of listening. She spoke to us of the condition of the Armenian people and of their firm faith in God during the awful massacres which occurred there. Three new members were added to our League last month.

WETHERSFIELD METHODIST.

The monthly business meeting of the Epworth League was held November 1. The officers were elected for the year.

At the morning service November 12, Mrs. Blake of Bridgeport gave a very interesting talk on the work at the Children's Home at Mt. Carmel, New Haven.

Friday evening, November 17th, the Epworth League held a social at the church at which the little barrels will be opened, which have been distributed among the members.

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THANKSGIVING.

It is a good thing to set aside one day in the year as a day of thanksgiving. Thanksgiving Day is a priceless heritage, instituted and handed down by our forefathers here in New England. By some it may be perverted by observing it as a day of feasting, merely, or it may be profaned by prize fights or the so-called manly sports, but on the whole the spirit of the day is very largely observed, and few of our festivals are more joyous.

But how about the other three hundred and sixty-five days in the year? Are we to give thanks annually or perennially? How exceedingly barren must a life be of blessings which can express all its thanksgiving in one day of the year.

In our relations one with another we consider the giving of a "thank you." one of the least possible returns for a favor received. In our relations with God we accept daily, countless favors as a matter of course, and we count it a virtue if we acknowledge some of the more conspicuous ones in an occasional prayer of thanks.

Thanksgiving should be as spontaneous as breathing, not necessarily expressed, but felt. If thankfulness is in our hearts, our lives will express it, our faces will express it, our friends will know it and God will know it, though our tongues be mute. It pays

to cultivate a spirit of thankfulness for the pure happiness it adds to our lives.

For what are we to be thankful? For benefits received? Yes, surely! But just as surely for the dangers and misfortunes from which we have been delivered. And some strong hearts there are, which even in the midst of misfortune, rise above it, and render to God a prayer of thanksgiving and praise. To these come the supreme test. They are weighed in God's balances and not found wanting.

We are to be thankful not only for what we have, but for what we have had. The memory of past blessings should be cause for present thanksgiving.

And finally we are to be thankful for our hope of the future. Like a beacon it is ever set before us, and by it we can shape the course of our life whatever storms encompass us. Without it we drift we know not whither. So long as hope remains with us we have abundant cause for thanksgiving.

CHRISTIANITY IN BUSINESS.

The author of "In His Steps," Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, writing on "Is Christianity Practical in Business Affairs?" in the Ladies' Home Journal, contends that "the immediate result of applying Christ's teachings to everyday life would, without any question, be the actual loss of almost everything in the way of money, and social position, and political power for vast numbers of persons who are now rich, or successful, or powerful through the exercise of selfish—that is, un-Christian methods—of life. I have not the slightest doubt that if the merchants of Philadelphia, for example, should begin at once to do as Jesus would do in business, the immediate result would be bankruptcy for very many of them, perhaps for the majority. If not bankruptcy, then enormous losses would follow. This fact would not prove that Christianity cannot be applied to modern business; it would simply prove that modern business does not square with the teachings of Christianity. That this is so business men themselves frankly confess. The statement so often made, that the Golden Rule cannot be made to work in business, is not a confession of the foolishness of the Golden Rule, but of the selfishness of the business world."

"YOU DON'T DO IT."

How futile is much of our preaching of Christ rendered by the actual practices of Christians. The amazing discrepancy between our preaching and practicing has become such a matter of

course that we hardly notice it and so it ceases to be amazing to us. But not so to those who hear the gospel for the first time. They do not understand why profession and practice are so divergent, and herein lies one of the greatest difficulties our missionaries have to overcome.

The following from the Missionary Herald is a case in point:

"An incident is reported from India of a gathering of native Christians held in a poorly-lighted room, where they drew from their Bible readings a lesson about love to men as springing from God's love to us. Suddenly the company was startled by a man jumping from a dark corner, where he had been unobserved, and rushing through the room out into the darkness, exclaiming, 'It is in your Book, but you don't do it.' How much our Book enjoins! It is not enough that we read it or approve it. Do we do it? We shall be judged now and hereafter not by what we think of the teachings of the Bible, but by our obedience to its injunctions."

THE PRIZE FIGHT.

The recent exhibition of brutality in New York makes one stop and wonder why we call the United States a Christian nation when such horrors are allowed. We take upon ourselves by force of arms the task of civilizing and Christianizing a far off nation, and stand in abhorrence at the thought of a Spanish bull fight. But here at home we tolerate and liberally patronize a relic of barbarism, and all our newspapers slop over in their endeavor to give all the details. The Christian conscience awoke in a measure and expressed some righteous indignation when the thing was over, but very little opposition was manifested beforehand.

SUNDAY CONCERTS.

To come nearer home is it not discreditable to the city of Hartford that Sunday evening sees one of our opera houses running full blast. Sometimes the entertainment is called a "sacred concert," but not even this pretense is made of late, and it is to the credit of the managers that the much abused word "sacred" is omitted from their announcements.

Hartford Christians and churches should speak out in no uncertain way in regard to this matter, and take steps to suppress the evil at once and effectually.

The Epworth League of the Parkville Methodist church has arranged for a course of entertainments to be given this winter, the proceeds to go toward the building fund of the proposed new church. The course is out-

lined on another page, and we commend it to our readers not only for its intrinsic worth, but because of the object in view.

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A very interesting account of the trip of the Connecticut delegation to the W. C. T. U. convention at Seattle, Washington, is given in the W. C. T. U. notes this month.

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Mr. Harry Handy joins the force of Christian workers in Hartford, as pastor's assistant at the Fourth church. Mr. Handy is a graduate of the Springfield Bible Normal college and is well equipped for his new position. He takes the place of Howard S. Gault, who recently left to enter the missionary field in China.

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A very interesting series of lectures was delivered at the Seminary during the past month by Rev. Prof. T. Harwood Pattison, on Sunday school work. Professor Pattison is a member of the faculty of Rochester Theological Seminary and thoroughly at home on this subject.

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Three hundred Louisville Endeavorers, in an enthusiastic union meeting, unanimously resolved to unite with the other religious forces of the city in favor of closing the saloons and places of business on Sunday. The crusade will be a vigorous one and is well worthy of imitation elsewhere.

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We have received a pamphlet compiled by Rev. E. de F. Miel and Mr. Henry E. Rees, entitled "A Manual of Sunday School Instruction." It describes a unique and interesting system of graded classes in Sunday schools. There are five grades, the first that of the Kindergarten which the child under 7 enters. Here he learns in simple language and by helpful illustrations the main facts of our Saviour's life, a few simple prayers and hymns. In time he is promoted into the Primary grade and so on as he shows understanding and comprehension of the lessons of the grade he is in.

The system appears to be an eminently practical one. Some such system has long been needed, for attending Sunday school is generally, with children at least, a matter of mild compulsion. If they can be given a competitive interest in the Sunday school the opportunities for inculcating a spiritual interest will be increased.

The compilers of this book will undoubtedly be pleased to give further information to all who are interested in the idea.



WHY PEOPLE HAVE CANCER.

The belief in the hereditary transmission of cancer has a deep-seated foothold in the popular mind, but most careful observations have failed to give it sufficient support. Dr. Daniel Lewis, professor of malignant diseases in the New York post-graduate school, has come to the conclusion, after carefully looking into the history of hundreds of cases, that the children of cancerous parents have no special susceptibility to the disease, unless the same causes that favored its development in the first place continue to operate to the third and fourth generations.

An individual becomes susceptible to cancer in the same way that slime gathers on the top of a stagnant pool, that moss forms on the bark of a dying tree, or that tubercular germs flourish in the human system when its vitality is low. Whether an individual shall become a victim to cancer, tuberculosis, or rheumatism depends largely upon which of these his vicious habits of life have specially trained and prepared him for. The causes of such diseases as tuberculosis and cancer are as plentiful as matches, and we ourselves by our physical sins of omission and commission are storing up the powder-magazines which make these matches so dangerous when some circumstance, over which we perhaps have no control, touches them off.

The grim harvest of cancer cases is increasing mightily year by year, and logically this suggests that there must be an increased sowing of the same. Dr. Roger Williams, in the London Lancet, calls attention to the fact that the cancer death-rate has kept pace with the consumption of meat: "Statistics show that the consumption of meat has for many years been increasing by leaps and bounds, till it has now reached the amazing total of one hundred and thirty-one pounds a head per year, which is more than double what it was half a century ago, when the conditions of life were more compatible with high feeding." Think of filtering through the human system the waste products stored up in this amount of flesh; think what a potent factor it must be in preparing the soil for the inroads of this disease. While fifty years ago cancer was responsible for but one death in one hundred and twenty-seven, it now claims one vic-

tim for every twenty-two deaths! Dr. Williams speaks thus of this increase: "The proportionate mortality from cancer now is four and a half times greater than it was half a century ago. In this respect its position is unique, for no other disease can show anything like such an immense increase." Roswell Park, the eminent surgeon, after studying statistics upon this subject, intimates that if cancer continues during the next ten years as it has in recent years, it will then claim more victims than consumption does at the present time. There is no doubt that with careful examinations and better methods of diagnosis many cases of this disease are now recognized that were ignored several decades ago, thus tending to render the figures upon which Dr. Park bases his estimate somewhat unreliable; but no one will deny that cancer is alarmingly on the increase, as also are other diseases which prey upon a weakened organism. Dr. Frazier, after collecting extensive facts on this same subject, finds that the intemperate are especially bright and shining targets for cancer, and also those living amid unsanitary surroundings.

Dr. Pryor, of Buffalo, in a recent article on this subject, remarks: "The fatal disease, cancer, appears to be increasing with such rapidity that the mere mention of the fact is enough to cause apprehension and alarm, and to stimulate a desire to learn more of the cause and nature of the malady." It would seem as if nature were hanging out this dread signal, which should echo the words of the Scripture in the ears of every one sowing for disease: "Turn ye, turn ye, for why will ye die?" So long as the consumption of alcohol, tobacco, flesh, tea, coffee, and spices continues to increase among men, just so long will cancer specialists become more and more numerous, and patent-medicine men will pay for more and more space in the advertising columns, calling attention to the "New Sure Cure" which has been discovered not only for this, but also for various other diseases that follow in the trail of health-destroying habits.—David Paulson, M. D., in "Good Health."

OLD TRUTHS WIN.

A prize was offered in Paris a few years ago for the best code of rules of hygiene, not to exceed ten in number, for the preservation of mental and bodily health. The London Lancet publishes the winning set, which are rather "a laconic statement of wholesome truths known and practiced ever since Moses' time," than a rigid decalogue. The trouble is that they are not practiced generally enough. The prize rules are as follows:

"1. General Hygiene: Rise early, go to bed early, and in the meantime keep yourself occupied.

"2. Respiratory Hygiene: Water and bread sustain life, but pure air and sunlight are indispensable for health.

"3. Gastrointestinal Hygiene: Frugality and sobriety are the best elixir for a long life.

"4. Epidermal Hygiene: Cleanliness preserves from rust; the best-kept machines last longest.

"5. Sleep Hygiene: A sufficiency of rest repairs and strengthens; too much rest weakens, and makes soft.

"6. Clothes Hygiene: He is well clothed who keeps his body sufficiently warm, safeguarding it from all abrupt changes of temperature, while at the same time maintaining perfect freedom of motion.

"7. House Hygiene: A house that is clean and cheerful makes a happy home.

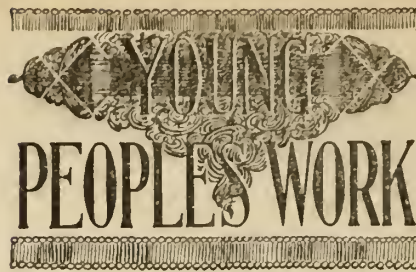
"8. Moral Hygiene: The mind reposes and resumes its edge by means of relaxation and amusement, but excess opens the door to the passions, and these attract the vices.

"9. Intellectual Hygiene: Gaiety conduces to love of life, and love of life is the half of health; on the other hand, sadness and gloom help on old age.

"10. Professional Hygiene: Is it your brain that feeds you? Don't allow your arms and your legs to become ankylosed. Dig for a livelihood, but don't omit to burnish your intellect, and elevate your thoughts."

Mr. Goodenough of Johannesburg, in reviewing the year past, refers to the varied work at his station. The political outlook is dark, and the plans of the people are much unsettled. Whatever be the issue of the controversy between the Transvaal and Great Britain, and whatever the immediate future may have in store for this district, nothing can prevent an immense development at Johannesburg, since there is every evidence that the mineral wealth along the reef is practically inexhaustible. The natives are coming from all quarters of Africa, south of the equator, to work in these mines. Of Mayfair, the new outstation close to Johannesburg, Mr. Goodenough writes:—

"The work has been one of thrilling interest to those who have been engaged in it, with its ten or a dozen different services on a Sunday to different audiences, some of whom would hear the gospel for the first time; with the opportunity of preaching every day in the week, and to different people each day; and with the possibility, nay, certainty, that some of the fires which we are lighting shall burn and kindle others perhaps 2,000 miles away. For here are natives from Barotseland, Nyassaland, and Zanzibar.—Missionary Herald.



HARTFORD C. E. UNION NOTES.

The work of the officers of the union has been handicapped somewhat this year by not having a full list of officers. The executive committee have been waiting their first meeting till a full list of officers could be obtained. This has not yet been accomplished. Mrs. H. L. Strong has been chosen as Junior superintendent, the vice president from the central section is yet to be announced. The first meeting of the executive committee will be held as early as possible, when arrangements for the December meetings will be made and the committees appointed.

Societies all through the union are urged when arrangements for the December meetings are completed to support them as much as possible.

The northwestern section will meet for the December meeting with the society in Avon.

Mr. Pease of the Lookout committee and Mr. Smith, secretary of the union, visited the Avon Congregational Society, Sunday, November 12th.

JUNIOR PROHIBITION LEAGUE.

The Junior Prohibition League, No. 2, at the last regular meeting, to which were invited the W. C. T. U., the Y. W. C. T. U. and the Prohibition club, voted, that whereas: The above societies had for reasons seen fit to discontinue holding their regular meetings at the headquarters of the League, and the League hereby being deprived of the hire of the same, a committee of three be appointed to look up smaller room for headquarters of the League. This committee will report at the next regular meeting.

The meeting this week was postponed as the League went to South Manchester Monday evening to hold a meeting in the Town hall with the Prohibitionists of that town. A very entertaining program consisting of dialogues, singing and speaking, was given.

All young people who are interested in the prohibition work are invited to meet with us at room 1, 302 Asylum street, Monday evenings.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR PRAYER MEETING TOPICS.

(From the Presbyterian C. E. Manual.)
November 19.—Liberty and Love.—
Rom. 14:1-23.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

When we live for others we live for Christ.

They are freest who are servants of love.

Jesus gives liberty to do as we will, but love for him makes us will to do his will.

To "look out for Number One" is to hurt Number Two.

The royal law of love gives a Christian liberty to sacrifice his own will.

Selfishness is a denial of the gospel. The Christian's liberty is freedom from self.

The law of love binds us to consider first the weak brother.

Doubtful amusements may be gauged by the standard of unselfishness.

We may displease Jesus by pleasing ourselves.

Whatever hurts a brother offends Christ.

We have liberty to do as we please, but love makes us please to do unselfishly.

November 26.—Our return for the Lord's benefits.—Psa. 116:12-19.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

A grateful heart is acceptable praise. To talk less of our troubles and more of God's goodness would drive many troubles away.

Songs and service are the angels' way of thanking God.

God means us to be stewards, rather than owners, of his good gifts.

A godly life is the best psalm.

God's great gifts to us call for great love from us.

If we would praise oftener we might still oftener have reason to praise.

God's gifts are of pure mercy, and not for the sake of a return.

A surrendered heart makes music in heaven.

Blessings shared speak thankfulness. Sunny lives praise God, even as the sunshine does.

As God has remembered us, we should remember our neighbor.

December 3.—"Until He come." The Lord's Supper.—1 Cor. 11:23-28.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

The Lord's Supper is a memorial feast. Its mission is to make Jesus real to us.

Love alone leads to the communion table.

This is the table of sacrifice; some day we shall sup at the table of glory.

The soul must starve that feeds not on Christ.

The broken body should break our spirits of pride.

This commemoration feast tells us that Jesus longs for our love.

This should be a feast of strength for our weakness.

There should be no sadness at the Lord's Supper, save the sadness of sorrow for sin.

Self-examination leads to the exaltation of Christ.

They are most unworthy to eat who think themselves worthiest.

This feast ever points to the approaching feast, when Jesus shall come.

December 10.—The indwelling Presence.—Col. 1:21-29; Gal. 2:20.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

Our only hope of glory is the indwelling Christ.

Without Christ—without peace, purity and power.

We honor the Spirit most by yielding to him.

The Holy Spirit is not to be argued about but to be lived forth.

When the Spirit rules our lives he makes us servants of others.

Only a clean heart can be the dwelling place of the Paraclete.

Happiness comes only from holiness, and holiness only by the power of the Spirit.

We cannot understand the Spirit but we can receive him.

"Not I, but Christ," is the motto of the victorious life.

News of Churches.

NEW BRITAIN AVE. MISSION.

The number of scholars in our school is increasing. Last Sunday there were 148 present, and the primary department is outgrowing its quarters.

On Sabbath evenings different pastors and laymen supply the pulpit to whom we are very grateful. October 29th Mr. B. N. B. Miller of the Open Hearth preached for us.

The King's Daughters began their meetings in October and the Ladies' Aid society meet as usual.

The Blossoms of the King's Garden are still supporting the famine orphan in India, and the children had the privilege, Friday evening, of listening to Miss Louemma Angel, one of the missionaries about to sail for the famine district of India.

SECOND ADVENT.

November 5th we were privileged to grant the use of our pulpit and banistry in the evening to a sister church for a baptismal service, which was very interesting to all present. The church was well filled.

We were favored November 12th with the presence of Rev. W. N. Tenney of Swampscott, Mass., who, by invitation of our pastor, occupied the pulpit in the morning and gave us a good and timely sermon.

Our Tuesday evening Loyal Workers' meetings are still increasing in interest. Topics, not always simple, but such as often demand serious thought, contribute not a little to the interest. The topic for November 14th is "Faith, is it the Gift of God or Does He Require it of Us?"

The repairs on and about the church, the expense of which the Sunday school some time ago assumed the responsibility of meeting, are now practically completed. The expense, which was expected to be less than one hundred dollars, was increased to about one hundred and fifty dollars, which amount has been nearly raised.

The ladies of the church are packing a barrel to be sent south to a needy minister's family.

ASYLUM AVENUE BAPTIST.

Mr. Lyman E. Hatheway, who was for a number of years secretary and treasurer of our Sunday school and a member of our Y. P. S. C. E., is now president of the Y. P. S. C. E. in a church in Hollywood, California.

Mr. Herbert J. Winslow, for some time a valued teacher in our Sunday school and a faithful worker in all departments is now located at Toronto, Ontario.

Three young people were baptised Sunday evening, Nov. 12th, by our pastor, Rev. George M. Stone, D. D.

Quite a large number from our church and Sunday-school are attending Dr. Ballentine's Bible school at the Y. M. C. A. on Friday evenings. They report the classes both interesting and instructive to the highest degree.

SUFFIELD ST. BAPTIST.

Some time ago the men of our Endeavor society gave a chowder party at which they raised \$12.50. This was recently followed by a harvest supper given by the ladies which was enjoyed by all, and although it was a very stormy night, a like sum was raised. Tuesday evening, November 28th, the ladies will furnish a Yuletide Supper to be served by the men. The proceeds from these suppers will be used to furnish the Christmas presents and entertainment for the Sunday school.

Mr. A. L. Wyman will take charge of the preaching services for the next few Sundays.

FOURTH CONGREGATIONAL.

Mr. F. C. Benedict, our musical director, gave the first of a series of organ recitals Wednesday, October 18th. Many music lovers of Hartford attended and thoroughly enjoyed the rendering of the selections.

At the church social held Friday the ladies of the church brought in the dollars they had been earning during the summer months.

Mr. Handy has come to us to take charge of our Sunday school work and to aid the pastor in parish work. He seems to bring a fresh interest and energy to the work. Mr. Gault was obliged to leave for his larger work.

Plans for a Mission study class, under the leadership of the missionary committee of the Y. P. S. C. E., are well under way, and we hope to interest many of the young people in this practical study of missionaries and their work and life.

WETHERSFIELD AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

Rev. S. B. Forbes has resigned as pastor of our church to take effect January 1, 1900. We regret greatly that he is not able to longer continue as our pastor.

The Rev. D. D. Marsh has received a call as our next pastor.

Six new members were received into our Endeavor society at the last consecration meeting, four active and two associate.

Mrs. Forbes is to give an account of her trip out west at the next meeting of the Ladies' Aid society.

Miss Bessie Noble is in Springfield for the winter, where she is taking a business course.

PARKVILLE METHODIST.

The special evangelistic services still continue, they have proved exceedingly helpful, while no numerical estimate can properly be made, yet about fifty persons have thus far either professed conversion or reclamation. One half of these are adults, and the other half boys and girls in the Sunday school. The attendance upon these meetings has been excellent, showing that the preaching of the gospel of Christ draws men as nothing else can.

Our Young People's Society have pledged five hundred dollars, and as much more as they can see their way clear to contribute, to our proposed new church edifice. To this end the society proposes to give a course of entertainments and a lecture in Foot-Guard hall. The first entertainment will be given by the "New York Musical club," on Monday evening, December 11th, the next by Mr. J. W. Macy, Humorist and Buffo-Basso, Wednesday evening, January 10th.

On Tuesday evening, February 13th, the Rev. Bishop Charles H. Fowler of Buffalo, N. Y., will deliver his famous lecture on "Abraham Lincoln." This lecture will be timely as February 12th is the birthday of the martyr president. Bishop Fowler was asked to come at that time, but had already been engaged to deliver the lecture on that date in Trenton, N. J.

Bishop Fowler is conceded to be the most eloquent bishop in the Methodist Episcopal cabinet, and a rare treat is in store for the people of Hartford.

On February 19th, "the Edith Morton Concert Co." This entertainment is strictly musical, and will be highly appreciated by the music loving public.

The last entertainment of the course will be given by Mr. Charles F. Underhill, dramatic reciter, on Friday evening, March 23d. Our young people will be at an expense of at the least, \$650 in bringing these entertainments to this city, and yet purpose to sell course tickets at the low price of \$1.00 each. While each ticket sold will aid in the erection of a much needed new church in Hartford, the high grade of each entertainment has been proved again and again in other cities and ought in each instance to command a full house, and we hope the course will be commended by the community.

WINDSOR METHODIST.

The young people's meeting and preaching service were combined during the summer months. The meeting has been so largely attended and thoroughly enjoyed that it has been deemed wise to continue the combined service. Our pastor takes charge for the last twenty minutes, speaking upon the assigned topic. Last Sunday evening Miss Emma Booth gave an interesting account of the Group meeting held in West Suffield.

The lecture of Professor Ennis on "Astronomy," delivered Friday, Oct. 27th, was well attended. It was a clear and interesting portrayal of the wonders of the solar system. The next lecture in the series will be given by Rev. G. C. Spencer; subject, "A Trip to the Mediterranean and the Orient."

FARMINGTON AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

We feel that we are now well started on our new field of labor, and every department of church life seems to be flourishing. Especially is this marked in the Sunday school. Practically, every session since September 1st has shown an increase in attendance over the previous week, and we hope this month to pass the 300 mark. Mr. L. W. Allen's young men's Bible class is displaying great enthusiasm and has attained a membership of forty-five. They say they are going to reach 100. A class has been formed of the Christian Chinese from the Mission school, taught by Dr. Heber E. Beadle.

The parish reception, October 30th, served to display the beauties of the church when illuminated. The attendance was very large and all were much pleased with the new edifice.

Miss Grace D. Thayer attended the Putnam convention as a delegate from our Endeavor Society.

Quite a party of the church young people gave a surprise party to Rev. and Mrs. Love on the fifteenth anniversary of their wedding.

Coming events include an organ recital by Mr. Loveland, November 24th, and a Christian Endeavor social, December 8th.

WETHERSFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

Rev. D. D. Marsh of Unionville has been engaged to supply our pulpit during November.

The Ladies' Aid society are planning for their annual sale of fancy articles to be held about December 1st.

Mrs. Cornelia Blake of Mt. Carmel, Conn., spent last Sunday in town addressing the Sabbath school and speaking at the evening service in reference to the "Children's Home" of which she is superintendent. She is trying to lift the debt of twenty-five hundred dollars and our Sunday school will give the contributions of this month to aid her.

NORTH METHODIST.

The new officers of the Endeavor Society have taken hold in earnest. The meetings are all well attended and a good deal of interest is manifested.

Several changes have been made in the Sunday school. Some new classes have been taken from the primary department.

Several members of the school are sick. Miss Agnes Reid seems to be improving.

The Missionary society is alive and doing good work.

WINDSOR CONGREGATIONAL.

Sunday, November 12, our church and congregation were very much gratified by the presence with us of our former pastor, Rev. G. C. Wilson. Mr. Wilson left us eight years ago after being our pastor twenty-five years. He is now the superintendent of the Maine Bible Society. He occupied the pulpit in the morning, giving us an interesting account of the society's evangelistic work among the unchurched classes.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL, EAST HARTFORD.

During the past two weeks two church meetings have been held to consider the recommendation of Rev. W. B. Tuthill for the pastorate. The first was on a stormy evening and the action taken was not satisfactory. The second one, without dissenting vote, directed the trustees to hire Mr. Tuthill for one year from December first. A committee was also appointed to present amendments to our by-laws, which have proved very defective in practical use. The treasurer was authorized to borrow a sum believed to be sufficient for necessary current expenses.

Mrs. Nettie Bronson of Hartford is supplying the position of organist, which has been vacant since the resignation of Mr. A. W. Driggs in the summer.

Four prominent members of our church were married last month. Mr. Wilbur S. Burnham and Miss Rebecca A. Moore, and Mr. E. C. Geer and Miss Jennie L. Bissell.

GLENWOOD CONGREGATIONAL.

Our minister has formed a chorus club, which is a great success. The Christian Endeavor Society is contemplating making one meeting each month a missionary one.

It is pleasant to see the organ in its present place, a great improvement from where it was before. Preparations are being made for Thanksgiving music.

The election of officers for the coming year was held November second, all being re-elected with the exception of clerk, Mr. Crane being elected in the place of Mr. Phipps, the latter being unable to accept on account of ill health.

Mr. Wilder is recovering from his illness and expects to be about soon.

WINDSOR AVE. CONGREGATIONAL

The Y. P. S. C. E. gave a reception to Rev. Mr. Peahody and Mrs. Peahody, Friday evening, November 3d. A large number attended and a delightful evening was spent.

A Christian Endeavor Bible class has been formed in our Sunday school for all young people who are not in the school. The class will be taught by Mr. Merserve from the seminary.

The last missionary meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. was led by Mr. Smith of the seminary and it proved a very helpful meeting.

A cabinet meeting of the Y. P. S. C. E. was held last month at the home of our president, Miss Stronoch. Several important phases of our work was discussed.

WARBURTON CHAPEL.

The Sunday school re-opened on October 29th, after an interruption of two Sundays.

The attendance has been about as usual and in all the departments new scholars have been added.

At the young peoples' meeting on Sunday evenings, Old Testament Bible

stories are read and reviewed.

On Friday evening, November 10th, the first regular social for this season was given with an attendance of one hundred and thirty-five.

The program was a varied one consisting of games, music by graphophone, quartet singing by members, the Seminary vocal and piano solos, display of advertising pictures, drawings, etc. William Giese won the prize for guessing the subjects of the advertisements and Edith Stocker for the drawings.

The drinking fountain has been in continual demand, but owing to the cold it will be closed for the winter.

Have you joined the jug brigade? If not it is evidence conclusive that you do not live on the east side. The offer of Long brothers to the public of artesian well water is being generally accepted judging by the water carriers, some hearing pails or bottles, but in most cases the jug and demijohns are the favorites.

It is to be hoped that some permanent arrangement may be made for the distribution of pure drinking water in this district even after the reservoirs become useful again.

A Mother's meeting will be held on Friday, November 24th, with Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Phelps as committee.

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Several years ago two strangers, well-dressed men, entered a church in a small town, and seated themselves in an empty pew. Presently an elderly woman, the owner of the pew, came to them and motioned to them to come out until she could pass to the farther end. They were offended at her discourteous manner, and marched angrily out of the church, refusing to listen to any invitation to remain.

A few years afterward, the Queen of Holland, being an invalid, visited the city of Heidelberg, in Germany, for medical treatment. While there she went each Sunday to a modest little church, occupying the back seat in order to escape notice.

One day a scholarly-looking man, plainly dressed, came into the church and took a seat near the pulpit. A few minutes later a haughty German lady swept up to the pew, seeing a stranger in it, ordered him by an imperious gesture to leave it.

The stranger quickly obeyed, and, going into one of the seats reserved for the poor, joined devoutly in the services. After they were over, the lady's friends gathered round her and demanded whether she knew who it was she had treated so rudely.

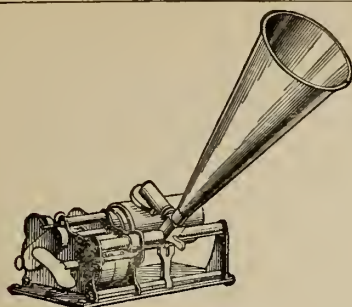
"No; some pushing stranger," she replied.

"It was King Oscar of Sweden," was the answer. "He is here visiting the Queen."

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A correspondent, who was an eyewitness of both of these scenes, sends the story to us, and asks, "Which played the more manly part, the two vain young men or King Oscar?"—Selected.

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Mr. B.—Hartford.

At the present time there are no required examinations, that I know of, for admission to the department of music in Yale. It seems a little strange that this should be true. But you must remember that this department is Yale's latest acquisition, and the child is very young and Yale is very happy over it. Give her time.

CHURCH MUSICAL ITEMS.

The Center church Vesper service has been resumed, and we shall again have the pleasure of hearing some beautiful church music. In this service, this church is doing much for the cause of good music in Hartford. It is out of our province to estimate the spiritual value of such a service, but from the fact that a church managed by some of our leading citizens gives us a service of such general interest, we may infer that there are other reasons than those from a musical standpoint.

The music in most of our Episcopal churches is furnished by boys and young men. The boys evidently are in a seething condition between sin and saintliness, judging from their efforts to conform to church decorum. But the church influences are good, and it well repays the efforts made in bringing young boys into active co-operation with a very beautiful form of church worship. Music suffers as an art, but there is something of vastly more importance in the lives of the boys than the art of music.

The choir of the Fourth church gave a musical entertainment Sunday evening, October 22. A large audience listened to a varied program, which consisted of selections for the organ, solo voices and semi-chorus. The entertainment began at 7:30 and closed at about 9:30 o'clock. The numbers seemed to be appreciated although there was no applause. But this should not discourage the singers, as many of our people are not used to musical entertainments on Sunday evening, and are evidently yet in doubt as to the propriety of manifesting their appreciation by such demonstrations. A short invocation with an appropriate Scripture lesson and an address of five minutes, by Professor Perry were thrown in at intervals to relieve the singers. These entertainments are to be continued at times during the year.

We understand that the Park church has begun a Vesper service which is held on Sunday afternoon. Mr. Camp and his fine choir will be another factor in the line of good church music in our city. Mrs. Smith is a favorite in Hartford and Mr. Camp is a careful and well equipped choir master.



WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

The meeting of the Union November 7th was made a very pleasant one by the account given by President Mrs. C. B. Forbes of the journey to Seattle and the twenty-fifth convention of the National W. C. T. U.

The delegates from the east met at Chicago, where, as they had a few hours to wait, a large and enthusiastic mass meeting was held, with many of the ladies as speakers. At Chicago a through train of the Northern Railway, was chartered especially for their use and under their control, which was a very fine thing as they could be side-tracked at any point where they wished to stop and hold meetings or rest. This they did at Fargo, stopping over Sunday. Over forty meetings were addressed by white ribboners and a mass meeting held in the afternoon in the Opera house, presided over in part by Judge Pollock. The house was packed. The address of welcome by the mayor of the city and by the judge were much applauded and responded to by Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Barker and many other national officers.

The train was trimmed and labeled in large letters, "Woman's Christian Temperance Union." All along the route crowds were assembled to see the train, one woman having been in waiting two days, and felt well repaid.

At places where they stopped, speeches of welcome and replies were given. At Leavenworth the platform was crowded with a welcoming host, the school children sang, the teacher and a pastor in earnest, eloquent words gave them a welcome and good cheer. At Kalispel, Montana, a "Y" organized by Miss Anna Gordon, and bearing her name, marched through the train. At Wenatcher a delegation boarded the train and left a crate of delicious Washington fruit. Thus they sped on over the mountains with their wonderful scenery. Every variety of weather was experienced from extreme heat at Chicago to the rains of Fargo, and the snows of the plains and a slight touch of a blizzard and then the rains at the end of the journey at Sattle which continued throughout their stay. The switchback by means of which the highest point of the Cascade mountains is crossed is without doubt one of the most remarkable feats of engineering in the world.

All the train men were very obliging and every thing possible was done to make the journey comfortable. There was no smoking car, but a library car, where writing was done, meetings held and entertainments in the evenings, Mrs. Graham, national musical director, singing sweet songs, Miss Blood giving readings and many making speeches to while away the hours.

Mrs. Evalyn Graham, national superintendent of the work among railroad employes, was at work in her department, and conductors, engineers, firemen and porters had on a "knot of white" and were presented with a souvenir in the form of a card on which was printed a Scripture text and compliments of National Railroad Superintendent written on the back.

Their arrival at Seattle was not the triumphant entry which had been planned. The train had been delayed so that the mountains might be passed over in daylight, and the telegram sent not having been received, all had gone to their homes and no welcoming host met them. The officials of the city, the churches, schools and women had prepared a most imposing reception but in a pouring rain the delegates found their way to their respective homes.

Everything was done for their comfort and pleasure during their stay and the convention proved to be a very interesting and inspiring one with 278 delegates from almost every state and territory.

Mrs. Stevens' address was a very able one. She referred to the past history of the Union and the condition of the country during the twenty-five years of its existence finding much to congratulate temperance workers.

At the first convention held in Cleveland, O., August 15, 1874, there were representatives of sixteen states. Now there may be delegates from every state and territory, each one representing a home constituency of 500 paying members. Since the first convention, great advance has been made in the cause of purity, total abstinence and prohibition. The consumption of alcoholic drinks is growing less every year. There is only half as much consumed per capita in the United States as there was a quarter of a century ago. Last year was marked by

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a larger increase in membership than for many years.

She said: "In a few days we as a society shall enter upon the work of a new year and also of a new century. We know not what the future may bring to us of discouragement or of cheer, but we never doubt the righteousness of our cause and we know that the great social forces and the forces of God and of right are moving on toward victory."

The convention voted to transfer National headquarters from Chicago to Rest Cottage, Evanston, the home of Frances E. Willard.

There will be no change in the general officers this year. All were re-elected.

Invitations were received for next year's convention from many cities, among them Washington, D. C., all of them not only from W. C. T. U. women, but from boards of trade and chambers of commerce, and have the financial backing of business men. The general officers give the final decision; probably it will be Washington.

Mrs. Forbes was called on while in Seattle to speak at a Japanese Sunday school, which she did by means of an interpreter, a novel experience for her. She found them much interested and many of them ready to sign the triple pledge which she promised to send to them.

After this report, which was listened to with intense interest, light refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed.

At the meeting to be held November 21st, at 3 p. m., at the Fourth church C. E. room, superintendents of departments of work will be elected for the coming year.

THE SHELTER FOR WOMEN.

The past month has been one of the very best of all the months of our work. The Lord has wondrously blessed us in spiritual things. A number have come to know Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour, the daily life of each giving such clear evidence of the changed heart. While blessing us spiritually the Lord has not been unmindful of our temporal needs.

The annual meeting of the board was held November 1st.

The yearly report of the work was very interesting and encouraging. Within the year, forty girls and fifteen children have been members of our family while one hundred and twenty-three women and twelve children have come in for lodgings. Some for one night only, others for a longer time.

Looking over the year's work we feel the results have been the most gratifying of any since the work began.

We very much regret losing Mrs. Lamson from our work. Her life has been a real blessing to us.

Mrs. Blake of Bridgeport, conducted one of our Friday morning services.

Our "Clothing Bureau" is a very busy place on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. We are in need of articles of winter clothing for men, women and children. We will gladly send for packages upon being notified.

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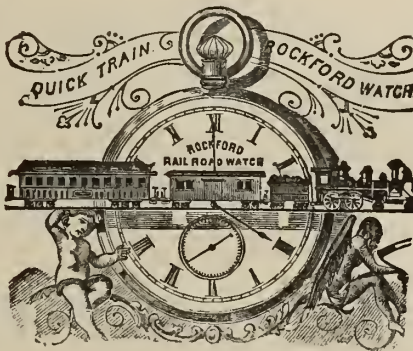
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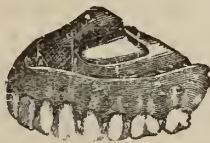
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THE CATHOLIC T. A. UNION.

The annual meeting of perhaps the most active and effective now in the state, held in Hartford, September 19th, was an occasion of great interest. Bishop Tierney, still at the head of the National Union, gave words of cheer and counsel, and other eminent speakers made addresses. The report shows continued growth both in societies and membership. The Secretary of the Connecticut Temperance Union, by invitation, made an address, and was most kindly welcomed. Rev. W. J. Shanley was re-elected president and the Union enters upon a new year with all sails set and colors flying. May God speed this noble organization for total abstinence—Conn. Citizen.

"Beautiful Berkeley." of Alameda County, Cal., has voted its saloons out by a majority of three hundred votes. It is regarded as in some respects the most important city of the State. It is the seat of the University of California. Seventeen hundred young men and women attend the institution as students. Two thousand women in Berkeley pleaded with the city trustees against the saloon, and on election day to each voter was passed a leaf reading: "The women of Berkeley ask you to vote no as to license."

They did vote no and the result is that forty dens of death in Berkeley are now closed. Hurrah for the women of Berkeley!—National Advocate.

Mr. John H. Peyton, of the "Brotherhood of St. Andrew," who went as its representative to ascertain conditions in Manila, reports our soldiers there to be largely "drunkards, rakes and gamblers." If the statement must be somewhat discounted, there is far too much truth in it. But is not this the legitimate fruit of the McKinley-Alger-Griggs method of treating the canteen? Secretary of the navy, John D. Long had even less law to help him than had Secretary Alger. Yet he found a way to stop the sale of liquor and beer to the "Jackies." It will not be strange if the policy of the administration in this matter shall be rebuked in the way least desired by politicians.—Conn. Citizen.

New York city people spend thirty millions of dollars a year for beer, and ninety millions for wine and spirits, or about two hundred dollars for each three of the population. The expenditure for churches is about six millions of dollars a year, or one-twentieth the drink bill.

It looks as though the "White Man's Burden" in Africa consists largely, in the classic parlance of the street, of a tremendous "jag." The Rotterdam "Chronicle" states that 63,000 cases of gin were shipped to the Dark Continent from that port alone in 1898. It is a case in which, as Christian Endeavour, of England, says, "The 'open door' needs to be banged shut."

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Other Claims,	.	104,682.85
Net Surplus,	.	4,808,846.75
Total Assets,	.	\$12,627,621.45
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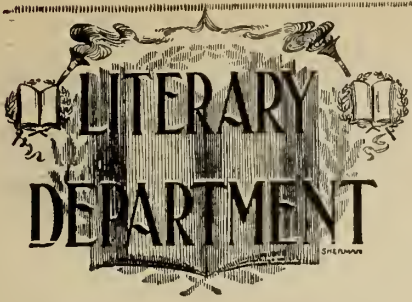
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The wonderful pygmies of Africa are written about by the missionary, Al-

and John Vance Cheney are among the other contributors.

Naomi. By Chara B. Conant. 340 pages, 12 mo. New York: American Tract Society. Price \$1.00.

Naomi is a young Jewess, who becomes a Christian. The story is simply, yet interestingly told, and it has a very apparent moral. It gives a vivid picture of the strength of Jewish faith. The element of pathos underlies the story but it is not the kind of pathos that depresses one. The book is perfectly suited for the Sunday school library, and no one who reads it can fail to benefit by it. It is well illustrated and attractively bound.

The Other Fellow. By F. Hopkinson Smith. 218 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co.

This is the latest collection of the author's short stories and sketches.

that without God's unceasing supervision nothing would exist, for He, the Creator of life, keeps life in existence only by His will.

The author of this book believes that God voluntarily refrains from dominating a man's will power. That belief will not be disputed except that God does not allow man's will to be so entirely free as to directly disturb His plans and purposes.

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The Yellow Danger. By M. P. Shiel. 388 pages, 12 mo. New York. R. F. Fenno & Co. Price \$1.25.

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From "The Other Fellow."
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bert B. Lloyd in Ainslee's Magazine for November. The interesting "Story of the Fast Express" is told by Earl W. Mayo. Brand Whitlock writes the story which is undoubtedly the best in this number. Its title is "A Secret of State." R. V. Risley, Flora Annie Steel, and Howard Fielding also contribute readable stories.

The handsomest number of The Century Magazine is that which bears the date "November, 1899." The cover design includes a portrait of Oliver Cromwell in four color tints. The color scheme extends to other illustrations in the number also. John Morley's study of Cromwell's life begins, and also S. Weir Mitchell's "Autobiography of a Quack." Mark Twain, John Burroughs, Theodore Roosevelt, President Eliot of Harvard,

They are all interesting and well written. "Never Had No Sleep" is a light, but clever sketch, "Five Meals for a Dollar" is quite amusing. "According to Law" is particularly good also. Mr. Smith's skill in description is most manifest in "Between Showers in Dort." Through the courtesy of the publishers we reproduce on this page one of the illustrations used in connection with this sketch. The illustrations are all notably attractive and artistic.

The Master Idea. By Raymond L. Bridgman. 357 pages, 12 mo., Boston: The Pilgrim Press. Price \$1.50.

The master idea which Mr. Bridgman offers is that all being material and immaterial, matter and mind, is a manifestation of the constant action of God. The idea is a suggestive one,

unique story. It is the product of a remarkable imagination and we wonder that the book is not already accorded its proper place among the best books of the season. The author is more convincing, however, when dealing with impossibilities than when dealing with probability. This fact is the only noticeable fault of the story.

The author shows, step by step, the progress of the plot of a great man, a Chinaman named "Yen How," to secure something he wanted very much. To gain it he attempts to destroy the whole white race by overrunning the earth with Chinese and Japanese hordes. And over in England a young man named Hardy proves himself a greater tactician than "Yen How" by defeating the Chinese, after Russia, Germany, France and a dozen

other countries have been annihilated by them.

After the defeat of the Chinese there is only America and Great Britain left of white races, and these two nations are once more united in so perfect a bond of understanding that the era of universal peace begins.

Maximilian in Mexico. By Sara Y. Stevenson. 319 pages, 12 mo. New York: The Century Co. Price \$1.50.

This is the story of the series of tragic events connected with Maximilian's ill-fated attempt to found an empire in Mexico. It is intended also to accurately picture the men and women connected with that famous affair, by one who, in younger days, came in daily contact with them while they were engaged in making history.

The author's wish is to be fair and impartial in her estimates of men, women and motives. The opportunities she had for seeing affairs in their true light should certainly make her book as historically valuable as it is humanly interesting.

The story of that great enterprise of Maximilian's or more properly, perhaps of Napoleon's (III), is a remarkable elromance. The part played by the Empress Carlotta also was an important one, and pathetic in the extreme. And the importance of the whole scheme to the United States at a critical period in its history, makes it of great and permanent interest to every American.

The volume is copiously illustrated. We reproduce, through the courtesy of the publishers, the frontispiece portrait of the Emperor Maximilian.

Mr. Dooley: In the Hearts of His Countrymen. 285 pages, 16 mo. Boston: Small, Maynard & Co. Price \$1.25.

Mr. Dooley has attained (and he knows it) a very warm place "in the hearts of his countrymen." The remarks of Mr. Dooley have doubtless more genuine, original humor in them than do those of "David Harum," much quoted of late.

"Old Age," "The Dreyfus Case" and "Rudyard Kipling" bring out all the phases of Dooley's wit, the sarcastic kind, the sympathetic kind and that kind which expresses a "I-wash-me-hands-of it" disgust.

Mr. Finley Peter Dunne, the author of the sketches, precedes them with a caustic dedication to several English publishers who have published "pirated" editions of his writings.

The present volume is not a whit less interesting than was the preceding one, "Mr. Dooley: In Peace and in War," which we reviewed in these columns when it was published some months ago.

Songs of Work and Worship. Collected by James Carter, 166 pages, 8 vo. New York: A. S. Barnes & Co. Price for sample copy 35 cents.

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"Maximilian in Mexico." The Century Co.
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Bo-peep—A Treasury for the Little Ones. 182 pages, size 7x9 inches. New York: Cassel & Co., L't'd. Price, boards, \$1.00.

This volume will prove a source of delight to any child.

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The November *Cosmopolitan* contains, among other valuable contributions, the first paper in a series by Olive Schreiner on "The Woman Question." Her treatment of the subject is sure to arouse a great deal of interest and discussion. A paper on the Paris Exposition is contributed by Vance Thompson.

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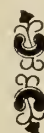
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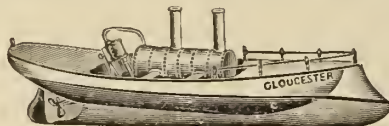
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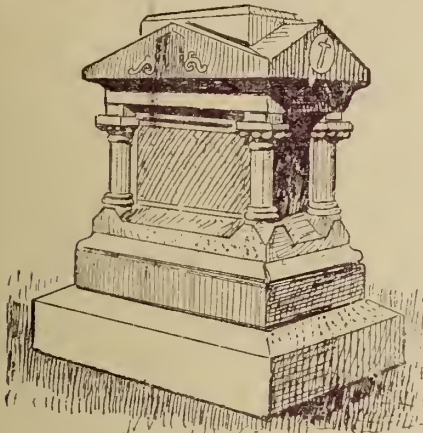
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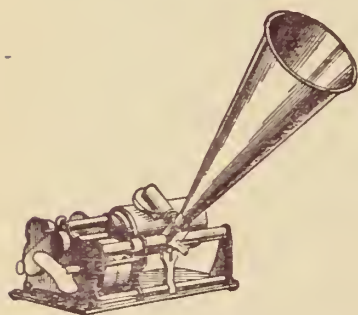
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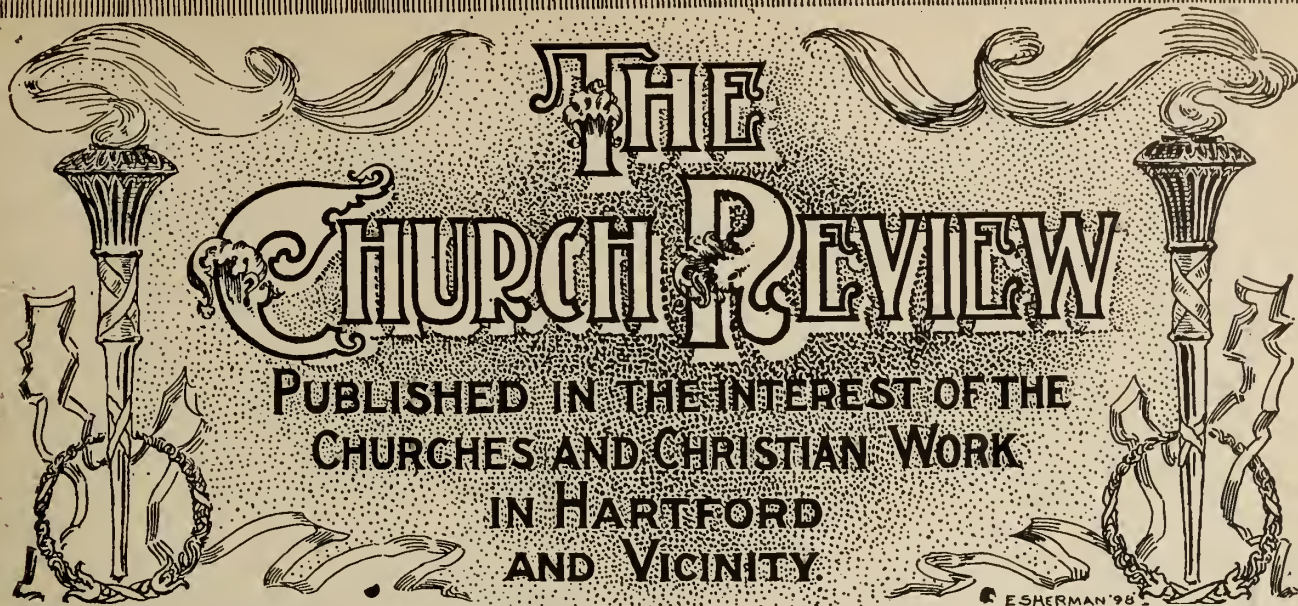
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For who is it that smiles through the Christmas morn—

The light of the whole creation?
A dear little Child in a stable born,
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He was poor on earth, but he gives us all

That can make our life worth the living;

And happy the Christmas day we call
That is spent, for His sake, in giving.

He shows us the way to live;
Like Him, let us love and live.

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LOOKING FOR CHRISTMAS.

BY REV. GEO. M. STONE, D. D.

Before the first advent, the people who had most light were full of longing and anticipation respecting the coming of One who should bring a new order of things to human hearts, and ultimately to the world. No one knew precisely how He would come or just how He would reveal Himself. But the air was full of signs: the sky had to the wise men its signal star, and all those whose hearts had kept a vigil for the fulfillment of the ancient promises were full of tip-toe anxiety and intense desire. They felt that something was about to break forth into the world of vast and immeasurable significance. And these elect spirits in whom hope was strong and anticipation enkindled were not doomed to disappointment. The vision which came to the Shepherds rewarded them for all their watching. The entrancing words of praise filled them with awe and unwonted delight

"Like circles widening round
Upon a clear blue river,
Orb, after orb, the wondrous sound
Is echoed on forever:
"Glory to God on high, on earth be peace
And love toward men of love—Salvation and release"

Wise men and Shepherds both found soon after the humble birth place of the Lord, and ever since the rich and poor, the wise and the ignorant have met at Bethlehem, and Calvary and at Joseph's sepulchre from whence He rose from the dead. These early advent longings struck the key note of

the Christian life. It is full of high hopes and great expectations in every dark hour. We are commanded to be hopeful, "Wait on the Lord, be of good courage and He shall strengthen thine heart." Christ has finished His atoning work, but much else remains to be accomplished. The Psalmist says: The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

Before that glorious second coming which is foretold, Christ is to come again in many ways and for many purposes. The future is of full of historical advents. For history is not a confused medley of events, but a unity of closely linked events all working in preordained harmony to bring in the reign of peace and destroy the evil now entrenched on the earth which Christ has bought with His precious blood. He opened India for the rule of Great Britain. He is breaking up China before our eyes to prepare the way of His kingdom.

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

In every period since the first advent the church has had the right and privilege of great expectancy as her proper attitude. Like the watcher on the Mountains, she has been called to mornings of vision, as succeeding every night of gloom. It is still as in the days of the first creation—out of the evenings a new morning ever breaks. Christ will accept nothing less than the whole earth:

"To every land beneath the sun
Immanuel's kingdom shall extend
And every man in every clime,
Shall meet a brother and a friend."

There may be cries of suffering and persecution. These shall not delay but hasten the kingdom. There is no reason for the perpetuity of the Evil kingdom. It has no right to existence. It must fall before the sway of our crowned Lord. He desires to have the loyalty and love of the men whom He has redeemed. The case of Dreyfus was revised after great injustice had been done, and the civilized world is happy in his release. The case of Jesus Christ is to have a revision and a reversal of the judgment of Roman, Jew, and Greek, will take place. The death of Christ was an integral part of the Divine plan, nevertheless His crucifixion by the Jew was on the part of the latter a frightful mistake, and will be repented by the generations who are to come. They will with bitter relenting "look upon Him whom they pierced and mourn for Him as one mourneth for an only Son." Christ would have those who love Him lift up their heads, in eager expectancy of the glorious Second Advent. The whole earth is waiting for its rightful King. For the earth itself is to be redeemed. The Gospel promises not only a redemption of persons but also of the earth, as to all its material aspects. There is to be a new heavens and a new earth wherein righteousness dwells. The forces that are to bring about this result work quietly, but they have upon them the seal of Divine promises, and behind them the living energy of a Divine life. "The meek shall yet inherit the earth." He who came as a babe in the first advent is to come girded with strength for conquest in the second. Christ is a destroyer of the world's evils. The wrongs that stoutly hold out against Him are to be removed. Great evils like slavery, polygamy and war were shaken at His Cross, but they linger yet in the world in their weaker forms awaiting the last decisive strokes which are to complete their overthrow. The sword will be put up in museums as a relic of a semi-barbarous past. The cannon which poured out its deadly missiles to kill men will be relegated to the store house of the past. The first advent made marvelous changes. The second will exceed even these and cover the face of the earth with the bright enduring results of established peace. Our personal peace foreshadows it. The Christian believer is a living prophet and prophecy of the better day. He is of all men the expectant man. His golden age is in the future. He welcomes it with joyful hope and longing—a hope and longing centered in His crowned Lord and Savior.

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1. By whom are the finances of your church managed? 2. Had you a deficit last year? If not how common an occurrence is a deficit? 3. What is your relation to church finances? Do you stand back of the committee, or are they supposed to do all the work and take all the responsibility? 4. How large a proportion of the membership of your church make pledges for church expenses? 5. Is the membership re-pledged every year? If so how is this done? 6. Can you mention any improvements that suggest themselves in the management of the church finances, also any criticism on present methods?

This paper therefore is written largely by the Baptist ministers of Connecticut, as it is based on the answers to these questions. Nothing more proves the divine institution of the church than its ability to live and even grow through nineteen centuries on principles that would have driven any business house into bankruptcy in six months. That our churches have not progressed more rapidly is a matter of regret; that they have progressed at all is a modern miracle.

Out of the ninety-three churches, six do not answer the question whether they had a deficit or not. Of the remaining eighty-seven, forty-three report a deficit and forty-four none. What is the meaning of this condition? Why these deficits? The voluntary system is a failure not through fault of the system but because it has been neither fairly tried nor properly administered.

The first cause of this trouble seems to be the lack of faithfulness on the part of those having charge of the church finances. Too often they are like the man in the moon who never gets down to business. Slipshod methods,

irregular meetings of the committee, important matters neglected until the last minute, all these have caused many pastors to reply half ironically, half broken-heartedly, "Yes, the committee is supposed to do all the work and take all the responsibility." In many of our churches present methods are wickedly unbusiness-like and unscriptural.

The second cause is found in the lack of co-operation on the part of the pastor. In some cases he has no relation to the financial interests of the church, in others he meets with the committee only on request, again the committee not only refuse to take his advice, but resent as an interference, any interest on his part. The pastor's lack of co-operation may be due to a false sense of delicacy in himself. He fears lest be seen anxious for his own salary. In any case his hearty co-operation is very necessary. Dr. Lorimer says "Of course the pastor works with the committee."

In answer to the query "How large a proportion of your church membership make pledges for church expenses?" one brother replies, "From half, when the minister is popular, to quarter when he is not." Such a reply ought to be impossible from a church of Christ.

A third cause for the deplorable financial condition of our churches is the lack of knowledge on the part of the people.

Covetousness doubtless bears a large part in the conditions, but at heart the people are true, eager to give when the proper cause is presented and the proper motives appealed to. The proportion of membership making pledges to church expenses ranges from one-tenth, to in one case, the entire church. Of course people are not interested in that about which they know nothing. It is this ignorance of church business affairs that causes so large a proportion to give nothing regularly and that makes our yearly business meeting so slightly attended. Treat the people frankly, give them printed monthly statements of church expenses.

Let us now turn to the treatment of the financial difficulty. As to system there comes unqualified approval of the regular giving in envelopes. The renting of pews is practically extinct. The fault seems to lie not in the system but in its administration. Those having charge of church finances must be, in the first place, men of the utmost probity. They ought also to have the highest standard of Christian propriety, feeling the unfitness of sharp and shifty financiering in church affairs. In any case the accounts should be frequently audited, not carelessly but by an expert accountant.

One Connecticut church has recently made an improvement which is coming into general favor. The pastor writes,

"We have fitted up an office in the church building, equipped with desk for the collector and his assistants, and with drawers and cupboards for keeping all paraphernalia connected with our system of finance. We have a collector and five assistants. They take the collection at the close of each service, and by division of labor, all the clerical work is done and everything put in first class shape within fifteen or twenty minutes. The work is dignified by the way it is done and has become a pride and pleasure instead of an annoyance and drudgery."

We need business methods by business men. The matter of church finance should enlist the abilities of the best financial men of the church. A

being competent must be generous if he expects others to be, and above all he must be spiritual. Says Washington Gladden, "When the business of the church is conducted reverently, conscientiously with a sincere desire that the mind of Christ shall rule in all the temporalities of the Church, the work of this department is no less genuine Christian work than is the conduct of the prayer meeting or teaching in the Sunday School."

Nothing can so stunt our spiritual growth as giving less than we know we ought, to the cause of Jesus Christ. The best part of the membership of all our churches are faithful and conscientious in this matter and need but to be asked, to make their pledges

for, is the consecration of the vast money power of the world to the work, cause and kingdom of Jesus Christ. For that day, when it comes, is the morning of the new creation."—The First Baptist Monthly.

A TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND.

BY E. K. SNELL.

Sailing from Port Said, Egypt, at nine o'clock in the evening across the Mediterranean in a northeasterly direction for Joppa, we arrived there the next morning at nine o'clock.

There is no harbor, and a landing can only be made in calm weather, owing to the rocky beach which lines the shore.



Bedouin Sheikh and Escort—Jordan Valley.
Company Caravan ready to start on a journey.

Rocky beach in front of Joppa.
Garden of Getsemane.

collector, the only officer in church finances who under any circumstances should be paid a small salary, seems to be a necessity in our large churches. It is essential that those who do not respond otherwise should be seen personally. This is the collector's business and he must be a man of tact and courtesy whose position has been made very clear and plain to the church.

To keep the appropriations within the income in sight, is a wise rule only when grasped at both ends. A deficit is always to be preferred to parsimonious methods. A church is not prosperous that is able to report a surplus only by being miserly.

The finance committeeman, besides

permanent. A pledge should be a qualification for membership wherever the candidate is able to give even the smallest amount. "Every member a subscriber" should be the church rule, but one enforced with the most Christian charity and proving its worth by many exceptions in the cases of those unable to give.

Finally all methods and systems will be in vain without everlasting persistence. Each church has its own peculiar problems to deal with. Increased consecration means increased giving. The whole subject must be spiritualized by prayer and uplifted by God's almighty power. As Dr. Bushnell said a few years before his death, "What we wait for, and what we hopefully are looking

Joppa, the noted place in Bible times of Simon, the tanner—the reputed house of whom they still show us—and of Dorcas, so busily engaged in plying her needle; from whence Jonah took passage on a ship and sailed for Tarshish to escape the command of God; where the celebrated timbers, "Cedars of Lebanon," were landed for Solomon's Temple at Jerusalem, the gift of Hiram, King of Tyre, from the Lebanon Mountains.

The city stands on a prominence or rocky shore overlooking the Mediterranean westward. Eastward and inland, forming a back-ground, is stretched out the broad panorama of the fertile plain of Sharon.

Joppa is noted at the present day for

its fine orange groves. The fruit, which is of a very fine quality, is raised in abundance and finds a ready sale, being largely exported to England and Germany. We find here a great many German settlers, and naturally a number of German as well as other institutions of learning.

Some of the streets are very narrow, crooked, and in some quarters almost impassable owing to their bad condition, full of ruts and filth.

We journeyed from Joppa to Jerusalem eastward, by train a distance of 54 miles, across the broad plain of Sharon, beyond which we see extending north and south the Judean hills. Our route lay by way of Ramlen, etc., thence through the ravines ascending the Judean hills. After reaching the summit and beginning the descent we suddenly behold in the distance for the first time the "City of David"—that longed for Jerusalem, built upon hills surrounded by hills. "Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth is Mount Zion."

During the six day's stay in and around Jerusalem we visited some of the most prominent places of interest in Bible history. It being but a week before Easter many pilgrims were coming from all directions to be present at the annual Easter festivities, and were crowding the city, especially the various churches of the Greek and Latin Catholics, Copts, Armenians, etc.

A walk through some of the quaint and narrow streets, with all classes of humanity, as well as camels, horses, donkeys, etc., all huddled through each other, carrying on their backs burdens of merchandise, building stone, produce or garbage—imagine a homely, awkward camel coming along with a load of furniture on his back, taking up almost the whole width of a narrow street—is certainly picturesque.

The variety of costumes is great and odd, especially at this season of the year, while so many strangers are in the city from various parts of the country. The city is built on Mount Zion and Mount Moriah, rather a twin mountain, owing to the Tyropean Valley, or valley of the Cheesemongers, causing a considerable depression between the two and thus creating two mounts. To the east of the city the deep Valley of Jehosaphat through which the brook Kedron flows from the north. On the west the deep and abrupt Valley of Hinnom runs north, south and then southeast, joining the Kedron Valley as well as receiving the discharge of the Tyropean. Thus the city stands on a bold and defying eminence at some points as much as from 200 to 300 feet above these valleys, which were considered in ancient days such great natural barriers to the many invading armies.

The present high walls surrounding the city are probably 500 to 600 years old, and are built on the very abrupt edges above these valleys, when viewed from the bottom of which they certainly look defiant and majestic. The entire length of same is about 2 1-2 miles. A person can walk the entire distance in an hour. The population crowded inside this enclosure numbers about 60,000, three-fourths of which are Jews, one-eighth Mohammedans and the remaining one-eighth Christians, such as Greeks, Latins, Armenians, Syrians, Copts, Abyssinians and Protestants.

The city proper we may divide in four quarters by two main streets running almost at right angles to each other through the heart of the city. These are David street, which traverses the city from the Jaffa Gate on the west to the Temple area on the east; and Damascus street, or Zion street, which runs from the Damascus Gate on the north to a little eastward of Zion Gate on the south. The northwest is the Christian quarter, northeast the Moslem the southeast the Jewish and the southwest the Armenian.

There are a number of gates by which you may enter the city, but the majority of traffic passes in and out by the Jaffa and Damascus gates.

From Mount Zion, by way of David street, we pass across the Tyropean Valley and up to Mount Moriah, upon which were located Solomon's and all the succeeding temples.

The temple area or inclosure of the temple courts, inner and outer, at present called by the Mohammedans, the harem, is surrounded by high walls with colossal portals of entrance which inclose an area of about 35 acres, immediately over the rock of Moriah, upon the highest point of which stands the mosque of Orma. This occupies the same site upon which stood Solomon's as well as the other temples.

In the northwestern section of the city, called the Christian quarter—the northern extremity of Mount Zion called Akra—we find the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, containing many points of interest. Although a great deal of this is traditional, at the same time one can not help but have reverence for the same, knowing and believing that somewhere near these points our Saviour walked, taught, prayed, suffered, died, arose again and ascended. The original Church of the Holy Sepulchre was built by Constantine the Great in the fourth century A. D. in honor or memory of his sainted mother, Helena, who did so much in her day in endeavoring to establish and preserve a great many sites and points of interest connected with Christ while on earth.

The Holy Sepulchre, or the tomb of

Christ, is erected inside of this monster edifice, and is constructed of alabaster stone, the interior of which, containing the reputed tomb, will accommodate about six or eight persons at a time. Owing to the rush of pilgrims we had to watch our opportunity to enter and get a glimpse of the interior. Many of these visitors make long pilgrimages for weeks and months, coming from distant Russia and Armenia as well as from southern climes, bringing with them some sainted pictures, take them in and lay them on the tomb and receive the blessing, after which they carry them back to their distant homes and place them in their places of worship as sacred ornaments. The different sects of believers before mentioned all seem to have a claim on this church, and therefore have different chapels or spaces allotted to them where they hold their various ceremonies. Numerous side chapels erected in memory of the different events in the life and passion of our Lord. The stone of unction, a large marble slab upon which the Saviour was anointed and finally prepared for burial after His crucifixion.

The chapel of the Cross, where is shown the ancient marble chair upon which, tradition says, St. Helena was seated in conducting excavations while seeking for and finding the true cross upon which Christ was crucified.

Coming out by Zion Gate at the northern wall, and going across Mount Ophel, the lower part of Mount Moriah, down into the Valley of Jehoshaphat, or Kedron, passing up north by the tombs of Absalom, Zachariah and St. James, and across the Kedron, we then enter a small enclosure wherein we find old gnarly olive trees plants and flowers. Silence! Hush! We are in the Garden of Gethsemane, where our Lord suffered great agony, where He prayed to the Father, "If it were possible to take this bitter cup, although not my will, but thine be done," on that dark and memorable night of betrayal.

Gethsemane, can I forget
Thine agony and bloody sweat
Nor there thy conflict see
And not remember Thee?

The present garden is a square enclosure, encircled by a white wall, on top of which is a substantial fence, in the midst of which are a number of olive trees. The condition of their decayed and gnarly trunks, supported by earth and stones, indicates their venerable age. A number of tall cypress trees surround the outside of the enclosure.

The garden and walks are kept in excellent order, flowers and shrubbery in abundance and very pretty. Several shrines and holy stations are situated at several of the corners of the garden.

loved them and desired to aid them in their efforts to lead good lives. The committee which kindly took upon itself the preparations for the feast, were neighbors who love the work and whose interest was thus practically manifested. It consisted of Mrs. Petersen, Mrs. Schwartz, Mrs. Lehmann and Mrs. Rolescheck. Home's Orchestra furnished music and over fifty person participated. Speeches expressive of thankfulness were made. Superintendent Miller presided, and all passed off in the best manner. A thanksgiving service with an address appropriate to the day by Superintendent Miller closed the exercises. A large number have within the last month professed their intention of leading better lives and show by their actions the earnestness of their resolve. Christmas is now fast approaching and another glad time may be expected. The work was never more encouraging and Superintendent Miller and the committee and friends of the Open Hearth have great reason for thankfulness in the results achieved by their labors.

WARBURTON CHAPEL.

The committee in charge of the Mothers' Meetings has decided to hold these services alternate Fridays at 3:30.

The first gathering was a Thanksgiving meeting in which the mothers of the Sunday-school children joined with the mothers of the Kindergarten children. This, and the second meeting held Dec. 8th, were well attended.

The next meeting will again bring the kindergarten and Sunday-school mothers together for the Christmas exercises of the kindergarten.

Rev. James H. James gave the Sunday-school an interesting review of the Temperance lesson Nov. 26th. Mr. James is expected to address the teachers at their meeting this week upon the work of the Temperance Union.

The weekly teachers meeting will be omitted for the remainder of December while the Christmas preparations are being made.

The Warburton Chapel Choir held its annual sale of fancy articles and home made cake on Dec. 9th. The proceeds will be used for Chapel improvements.

The Christmas entertainment for the Sunday-school and its friends will be given Friday evening, Dec. 29th. Come and see us.

There are within the borders of America 277,000 Indians, belonging to 50 different tribes. Of these about 50,000 are Christians. There is accordingly much room for missionary work.



BLUE HILLS AVE. CHAPEL.

The work at the chapel under Mr. Hodon's leadership is gaining in strength and interest.

The Sunday evening services are well attended, the audience showing an appreciation of the earnest, helpful sermons that are preached every week. At the service last Sunday evening, Mr. Blackmer, the superintendent of the Park Church Sunday-school preached an interesting sermon, urging the claims of the Sunday-school upon old and young, it is hoped that recruits may come to our school from those who heard the sermon.

The Sunday-school now has a full corps of teachers, consequently the attendance is better, and the work more encouraging to those most deeply interested.

The Endeavor Society is proving itself of value to its members, leaders coming out occasionally from the different societies. Mr. E. W. Marsh of the Suffield St. Baptist Society led the last meeting.

We are glad to report the formation of a Boy's Club which is in successful operation, the boys meet each Wednesday evening with Mr. Hodons and Mr. Henry Pease. After a short devotional service the boys spend an hour playing games and enjoying themselves in ways adapted to well conducted clubs of this kind. Much good is hoped from this new branch of the work in this field.

WEST HARTFORD CONGREGATIONAL.

The class for Instruction in vocal music under the leadership of the organist, Mr. Fred S. Smith has resumed its study this fall and is being very

The Sunday-school is contributing this month to the work for boys and girls at Good Will Farm, East Fairfield, Me., and the Christmas offering will go to them also. The scholars are very much interested in the work, as is shown by the fact that the ordinary collection was more than doubled last Sunday.

At the meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society, December 10th the election of officers and committees for the ensuing year was held. Mrs. Nellie Day will be our president; Lars A. Johnson, vice president; Dr.

Edwin H. Munger, secretary and treasurer, and Miss Ethel Griswold, corresponding secretary.

Rev. Mr. James, president of the Connecticut Temperance Union, was present and addressed the Sunday-school on Temperance Sunday. He was very much enjoyed. successful.

The Ladies' Home Missionary Society held a meeting and social Saturday afternoon, Nov. 4th. The meeting was addressed by Miss Ellen Camp, president of the Connecticut Missionary Union, and by Mrs. H. S. Caswell, National Secretary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. The social hour, during which refreshments were served, was much enjoyed.

WINDSOR CONGREGATIONAL.

Our Christmas entertainment will be somewhat varied from its usual character.

Christmas Eve in the church, pictures illustrating the life of Christ will be shown by the stereopticon and there will be a mid-week social for the entertainment of the children.

SECOND ADVENT

Our Loyal Worker's Society held its semi-annual meeting for the election of officers and committees, Dec. 8th.

Other matters were considered, that of shortening and simplifying our Constitution and by-laws being the most important.

Several members of our church have adopted the "cent a day" system for the purpose of raising money for the state mission work. A system, which, from report, is very good in its results throughout the state.

ASYLUM HILL CONGREGATIONAL.

There is much discussion among the officers and teachers of the Sunday-school about the advisability of changing the session to 12:15 o'clock. The subject is to be decided definitely before the first of January.

The Mission Band had a large audience at the lecture they arranged. It was held Tuesday, Dec. 5th, and was by a Japanese Yale Divinity student, whose home is in Tokio, and whose pictures for the stereopticon were taken in Japan.

His parents have disinherited him for embracing Christianity, and he takes this means of gaining a livelihood, having his expenses and half the receipts.

Miss May Jones gave an interesting account of the work of the Social Settlement, Sunday evening, Decem-

ber 10th, before our Young People's Society. Other societies would do well to listen to the story of this good work.

Dec. 3d, at the evening musical service, Gaul's "Holy City"—a cantata—was beautifully given by the choir.

Christmas music is in preparation by the pupils of the Sunday-school.

FARMINGTON AVE. CONGREGATIONAL.

The largest audience ever in the church assembled to hear Mr. Loveland's organ recital, Nov. 24th; the attendance being estimated at about twelve hundred. And the event was well worthy of so large an attendance. Mr. Loveland's playing displayed to good advantage the beautiful tones of the instrument, and left the firm conviction that while the power of the organ might be exceeded by one or two others its sweetness of tone and beauty of expression are unexcelled by any in the city.

A Parish Reception is to be held in the church parlors New Years' Day.

The Sunday-school is steadily growing, the 300 mark in attendance having been passed last Sunday. And "still there's more to follow."

A Christmas celebration for the Primary grade will be held shortly, and one for the Chinese Department will be given Dec. 18th.

The Endeavor Society will hold a Social, Dec. 13th. There will be a musical program and a "Conversation Party." The quarterly business meeting will be held the same evening.

At the meeting of the Endeavor Society Dec. 10th, collections amounting to \$45 were voted a medical mission in Ceylon.

PARK CONGREGATIONAL.

The State Conference of Congregational Churches met at this church Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 20th and 21st. It was a very successful conference and largely attended.

At the prayer meeting, Nov. 23rd, Mr. L. D. Wishard of New York spoke on "The Student Uprising in Europe, Asia and America." Mr. Wishard also spoke at the morning service Sunday, Nov. 26th.

On Tuesday, Nov. 28th, the Horace Bushnell Club listened to an interesting address by Arthur L. Shipman on "The Rise of an Indian Nation—The Mohegan Tribe."

On Thursday, Nov. 30th, we united in a Thanksgiving service with the Farmington Ave. Congregational church.

The pledges for the support of our foreign pastor for 1900 amount to \$455.40, an exceptionally large amount in

view of the fact that it comes from only 25 people.

Wednesday, December 1, 1824 just seventy-five years ago may properly be spoken of as the birthday of Park church, for on that day the following events occurred:—A new church at the corner of Morgan and Village streets was dedicated with a sermon by the Rev. Joel Hawes. Mr. Carlos Wilcox was ordained and installed as the first pastor with a sermon by the Rev. Gardner Spring of New York.

GLENWOOD CONGREGATIONAL.

Mr. S. P. Phipps and family have moved to Boston where Mr. Phipps has accepted the position of Manager of the Boston office of the Hartford Woven Wire Mattress Co. His friends wish him success in his new venture and shall miss him from the church.

Our superintendent, Mr. F. Haskell Smith, and Miss Lillie M. Benner, our soprano soloist, were united in marriage December 7th. After a short visit to Boston they will go to Akron, Ohio where Mr. Smith has accepted the position of superintendent of the rubber department of the Whitman and Barnes Co. Miss Benner was also a teacher in the Sunday-school.

The good wishes of the church and Sunday-school go with Mr. and Mrs. Smith. Both will be missed very much.

Mr. C. F. Schmelze has made us some visits the last month. We were pleased to see his smiling countenance among us once more.

Our Sunday evening services have been taken from Bunyan's Pilgrim Progress for the last few weeks, they have been both interesting and helpful.

The Ladies Aid Society is to give a supper and sale on Wednesday evening, December 13th.

The Christmas concert is to be given Sunday evening, Dec. 24th. All are cordially invited to attend.

Mr. George H. Wilder is with us again. We are glad to see his smiling countenance once more and trust that he has come back to stay.

Mr. F. C. Wills has accepted the Librarianship, Mr. Wilder resigned.

Mr. and Mrs. Crane gave a farewell reception to Mr. and Mrs. Phipps and Mr. Smith and Miss Benner.

WINDSOR METHODIST.

A revival interest prevails and a number have already accepted Christ as a personal Savior. The Sunday evening service in particular is being largely attended and the work of soul-winning is full of promise.

Rev. Anthony Roberts will occupy the pulpit Sunday morning, December 17th.

SUFFIELD ST. BAPTIST.

During the month we visited a neighboring Society at Wilson's Station at its midweek prayer meeting, some 17 members attending.

The last of a series of suppers took place Tuesday evening Nov. 28th, and a sufficient amount has been raised on the whole to furnish Christmas gifts for the children of the Sunday-school.

Our chorus is practicing special music for the Christmas exercises of the Sunday-school.

PARK STREET METHODIST.

We regret to announce that the advertised "Vincent Entertainment Course" failed to secure anything like sufficient patronage and was with much regret abandoned, the price of tickets was returned to all who had purchased them. Quite a some of money was lost in printing and advertising, but would have been comparatively small to what would have been the loss if The Course had been carried through. The committee wish to thank those friends who loyally aided them in their laudable intentions.

The amount contributed to the new church Enterprise amounts at the present time to about three thousand dollars.

For the past few weeks the church is well filled on both Sunday mornings and evenings.

WETHERSFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

Rev. George Clark, formerly of Farmington, is supplying our pulpit during December. He also conducts the church prayer meeting on Thursday evenings.

Thirty-five dollars was raised by our Sunday-school for the children's home at Mount Carmel Connecticut.

The Ladies Aid Society had their annual sale in the chapel this week Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and evenings.

A turkey supper was served from six to eight o'clock.

The church quartette are rehearsing their Christmas music and will be assisted by four other voices.

Mr. S. F. Willard our Sunday-school Superintendent is taking an extended trip through the South and West.

OLIVET BAPTIST.

The King's Sons and Daughters are now holding their meetings on Tuesday evenings. These meetings are devoted to the study of the Sunday-school lesson for the following Sabbath. A regular teacher's meeting is also held on the same evening in the prayer-meeting room of the church. On Wednesday evening the King's Sons and Daughters have invited the Christian Endeavour Society with its friends to attend a social given by them at the church. A pleasant time is anticipated.

Last summer three prizes were offered for the scholars in the Sunday-school who secured the largest number of new scholars by January 1st, 1900. The Tuesday following Christmas is the time appointed for our regular Christmas concert. The concert to be given this year is entitled. "Love Divine."

All of this is in charge of several monks of the Franciscan Order, to which the property belongs, who accept a fee of 1 franc each for admission. Casting our eyes upward, behold the Mount of Olives before us, where our Lord loved to retire in the evening after a hard day's work in the city, and there meditate in silence.

Passing out by the Damascus Gate in the northern wall a short distance from which brings us before a little mount or knoll the shape of a skull. This is believed by a majority of scholars and archaeologists to be the true Calvary or Golgotha, the place of crucifixion of our Saviour.

The Sunday we spent in the city our party held a divine service on Calvary in the morning, and in the afternoon at four o'clock on the Mount of Olives.

A good carriageroad leads from Jerusalem south to Bethlehem, 12 miles distant and further south to Hebron, 20 miles. Leaving Jerusalem early one morning, by carriages, we reached Hebron by ten o'clock. Went through the town, viewed the exterior of the mosque built over the cave of Macpelah, which contains the tombs of Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, etc., but were positively forbidden to enter any part of the interior.

The Mohammedans are very much prejudiced against having any sect outside of their faith enter the cave.

After returning to Bethlehem we drove to the church of "The Nativity." There we visited the various chapels or departments belonging to Greeks and Latins, as well as the main basilica. In underground chapels or grottoes under the pavement or floor of the main edifice a number of tombs are shown of some of the noted saints in ancient days. While in the Greek Chapel we asked permission of one of the officiating priests, through one of our guides, to sing a hymn, of which we had carried a number of copies with us from home. This privilege was granted, and we sang with heart and soul the following:

O, little town of Bethlehem!

How still we see thee lie

Above thy deep and dreamless sleep

The silent stars go by;

Yet in thy dark streets shineth

The everlasting light;

The hopes and fears of all the years

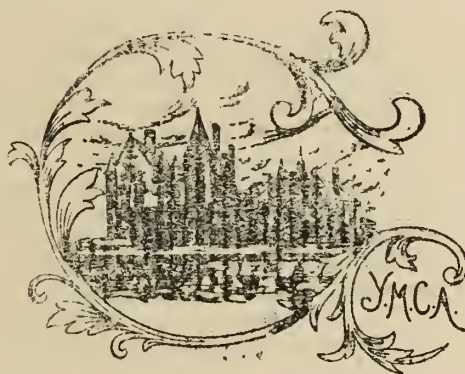
Are met in thee to-night.

Thus in our feeble way we gave homage to our Lord and Saviour, whom we believe to have been born here or in the immediate vicinity nineteen hundred years ago. Immediately under this chapel, in the rear of which we descend by stone stairs into the rocky grotto or cavern, the traditional stable immediately connected with the inn where Joseph and Mary was sojourning when

our Saviour was born.

Here we find the Chapel of the Manger on one side and the Chapel of the Angel ordering the flight to Egypt on the other, both ornamented and decorated with costly pictures and with numerous oil lights burning continually. In the paved floor, between these two chapels, there is fixed a metal star.

In the rear of the town we overlook, from our lofty position upon which the town is built, in the valley below the plain of the shepherds. This is shown as the field where shepherds were watching their flocks on that memorable night when the star appeared, when that angel choir sang the first anthem, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."



Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Thanksgiving day was observed as usual and over 100 young men gathered about the bountifully spread table to enjoy the feast and the bright after dinner speeches. Rev. H. B. Roberts responded to the well chosen theme "The Gates of the Twentieth Century."

At the November meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. E. S. Ferry gave an Excellent Bible reading which was followed by the reports of the committees.

The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, Dec. 21st, in Fraternity Hall.

The second entertainment of the member's course was successfully given Wednesday evening Dec. 6th in Jewell Hall. Mrs. Wyant as an impersonator and reader certainly ranks high. The selections rendered by Miss Weir and Miss Bouchard pleased the large audience and won for them many cordial words of commendation.

The Reception Committee will be "at home" from 2 to 10 p. m., New Year's Day, informally to the young men of the city. An exhibition of the popular game Basket Ball will be given in the afternoon in the gymnasium. In the evening a unique entertainment will be provided for the delight of everyone in Jewell Hall.

"Off nights" or members' socials will be provided a little later in the season

for the real enjoyment and pleasure of the members.

It is the purpose of the religious department to inaugurate a series of special meetings extending through the Sundays of February.

The New Haven Bowling team visited Hartford Saturday evening, Dec. 2nd and were defeated by the home team in one of the cleanest and most friendly contests we have seen in many a day. It is a pleasure to contest with such men.

Saturday evening, Dec. 16th, will bring the Middletown Bowlers to Hartford, and we invite every one interested in this fine game.

The regular gymnasium classes are well attended. The visitors gallery is always open to strangers or anyone interested in the work of our department.

Our association League of Basket Ball, will open Saturday night, Dec. 23rd, with two fine games by local players. This will be followed by a great game between teams representing Bridgeport and Hartford which promises rare sport to all who attend.

These games will be played every Saturday night during the winter and will afford many evenings of intense interest; highly exciting and full of furiously fast plays.

Many a person who enjoys clean, manly games often hesitates before entering a place where the games are held because of the character of work conducted there, but such cannot be the case with the Y. M. C. A., where the character of all work conducted is above question.

We want all young people in the city who enjoy good, clean, interesting games, to attend these Saturday night exhibitions. Ladies often make up more than half the audience. It is a place for ladies as well as for gentlemen.

Some of the other games to be played later in the season are with Yale, 1901 Team, Dartmouth College, Waterbury, Springfield, Chicopee and Holyoke, also Quaker City's of Philadelphia, and others.

THE OPEN HEARTH.

Thanksgiving at the Open Hearth has always been an occasion of rejoicing and an enjoyable time for the friends of the institution. This year Superintendent Miller was enabled through the generosity of friends to carry out his wishes and over one hundred families were supplied by him with materials for a thanksgiving dinner for themselves and their little ones. In the afternoon a long table was spread and a bountiful dinner provided for single men, who have been benefitted, and who many of them absent from friends and loved ones, were made to feel that they were among those who

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HIS REIGN OF PEACE.

Nineteen hundred years ago Jesus Christ "His reign of Peace upon the earth began." Truly His reign began peacefully, yet during His own brief stay upon this earth He was called upon to pass through stormy scenes and to undergo a violent and ignominious death. Yet nevertheless He remained always a Man of Peace, accepting insult and injury without retaliation.

Yet as we consider the many cruel wars which have shaken Christendom since the advent of Christianity, as we look upon huge standing armies and the gigantic resources of war material of so-called Christian nations to-day; as we recall the recently closed war between the professedly Christian nations of America and Spain and the present war in the Transvaal between two other professedly Christian nations, it makes us stop and wonder in what respect these nineteen hundred years have shown the peaceful reign of Jesus Christ, and what prospect the dream of universal peace has in the future.

In the first place we must admit that the beginning of Christ's reign, though history records no actual wars in progress, found human nature upon a much lower plane morally and mentally than it is to-day. It is admitted, too, that this thing called human nature is one of the most unplastic of all things to mold. The processes of God seem slow to us, yet we must remember that

to Him a thousand years are as one day. Suppose we accept this statement to be literal, has not mankind made immense moral and mental progress in *two days*.

Properly speaking there are no Christian nations to-day. Many which are so called, are governed by most un-Christianlike men and methods. The whole earth is Christ's and individuals are directly subject to Him. They may loudly assert their allegiance, yet by their acts prove treasonable at every turn. He knows the traitor from the loyal subject, though they be found side by side in every community, yea, in every church, also. And these loyal subjects form a kingdom by themselves upon this earth, and it is over this kingdom that Christ exercises his reign of peace. It is mighty in the land to-day, and slowly and surely accomplishes its purpose. Other kingdoms rise and fall but Christ's kingdom is everlasting. The day will come when it will be universal. You and I can hasten the day or we can retard it, but in the end mankind cannot avert it.

Let us look hopefully into the twentieth century, and by every means that lies in our power speed the good time coming, when wars shall cease in the earth, when man shall cease to contend with his brother, when fraternity and love shall rule the actions of men, when Jesus Christ shall be hailed as the universal king.

INCENTIVES.

Scarcely any great achievements are accomplished without a correspondingly great incentive. We may have every opportunity and every qualification for great deeds but they will never be accomplished unless there is some incentive to exert ourselves. On the other hand with the proper incentive opportunities may be created and qualifications mastered.

These truths apply equally to good deeds and bad, for every villain doubtless has some very marked incentive when he murders or robs, as truly as the philanthropist when he labors for the uplifting of his fellows.

What are the incentives which spur men on? In the great majority of cases they doubtless have their origin in selfishness. If we analyze those which guide our own actions we will find it true that in one way or another self gratification is usually a ruling factor. With one it may be the love of money, with another, the desire for promotion, with another honor. These may impel us to not unworthy achievements, but they are not sufficient to produce the best results in our lives.

Basest motives than these we might have and accomplish meaner ends, but if we are to live our best, and accomplish the best results, a higher and

nobler incentive is essential, or at least the element of selfishness must be eliminated.

If we set out to make money, not for the gratification of its possession, or its power to minister to our personal indulgence, but for the good we can accomplish with it, then money making becomes a worthy incentive.

If the desire for knowledge results merely in intellectual indulgence it is an unworthy incentive, but if the knowledge we acquire we disseminate to the advantage of others, we need not be ashamed to make the quest of it one of the leading objects in our lives.

A good incentive may not always result as we hope for, and on the other hand we oftentimes build better than we know or intend, but it is the only safe rule to go by to make the leading incentive in our lives an absolutely unselfish one, and the best one of all is—the love of Christ. If "the life of Christ constraineth us," we need have no care or fear of the results. But be sure that this incentive is the ruling one, and our lives will be richly blessed. Other ambitions may be realized but not satisfy the soul's desires. The love of Christ is its own rich and satisfying reward.

BOOKS AS GIFTS.

Few articles are better adapted for gifts than books. They are almost universally appreciated, many of them are artistically beautiful, they interest or help (or should), and they are permanent reminders of the giver, yet how often is anything like careful discrimination dispensed with, and the selection made more with an eye to its appearance on the library shelf or table, than to its contents. We do not present chance acquaintances to our friends in this way yet the book may prove as undesirable an acquaintance as some individuals of whom we know little or nothing.

We should not treat books as mere printed pages put together for an hour's diversion. If what we read we digest with any degree of thoroughness, the printed pages become a part of ourselves, and so we should use great care in their selection. Here is what Max Muller has to say on the subject—words true every one:

"Do not look upon the books which you have to read as mere books, as mere things, to be got up for an examination, but take a personal interest in them, or rather in their authors. Love them if you can, or despise them if you must, but make them live again, think of them as your friends, as, to a certain extent, like or unlike some people you have known in your own life; take them as belonging to the same world in which you live, as fellow-workers in the same great work for which we and they, nay, the whole hu-

man race, were placed on this planet of ours; not merely for amusement or idleness, but for some very serious work, for some very high purpose."

MY LADY'S HAT.

My lady's hat is a creation sometimes fearfully and wonderfully made. My lady's heart is another wonderful thing, tenderness and compassion being found there usually with many other beautiful attributes. Yet my lady's hat and her heart must be far removed in many cases for we read that last year a million bobolinks were killed to adorn the former. Four million other birds killed for this purpose, too, and their bodies torn and distorted. These are no guesswork figures, but the official report of the Audubon Society of Massachusetts. And what does it mean? It means 5,000,000 voices stilled in nature's avian choir. Five million flashes of cheeriness and gladness taken from human life; and millions of other lives doomed to starvation or prey in order that the plumaged corpse of the murdered motherbird may be rent by a milliner, and jammed in hideous shapelessness in my lady's hat!

Rev Mr. Kelsey has sounded a note on the drink evil and the echoes linger yet. Why so much silence on such a far reaching curse, evidences of which we see every day in our midst. This is no question which calls for generous forbearance toward those engaged in the business of rum selling. They are scoundrels, all, and deserve to be branded as such and driven from this vile traffic. Here is what Dr. Parkhurst has to say of saloons:

"I know what these saloons are. I have visited them at all hours of the night and on all nights of the week, and there is not an extenuating word that deserves to be spoken in behalf of them. They are foul, beastly and swinish, the prolific hotbeds of vile politics, profane ribaldry and unspeakable sensuality. It is always becoming to be generously minded even when talking about bad things, but we can never afford to let the kindliness that is in our hearts soften the asperity that is in the facts. Calling a bad thing by its right name is the first step toward getting rid of it."

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The article by Rev Joseph Irons in our last issue on "Half Truths" suffered greatly at the hands of the printer. There were sins of omission and commission. As the article stood it was a valuable one notwithstanding the errors in it, many of which would readily be understood. But we wish to apologize both to Rev. Mr. Irons and our readers for such a lack of proofreading.

News of Churches.

UNITY CHURCH.

On Nov. 24th, a children's social was held. After the supper, the play, "A love Of A Bonnet," was presented by Miss Eaton, Hunt, Lowe, Mulligan, Preston and Van Name. It was highly successful and much enjoyed by those present.

Dec. 2nd, Mr. Waite's class began its meetings. Continuing its study of eminent Unitarians, the works of Helen Hunt Jackson were read and discussed. This subject was continued the following Sunday.

On Thanksgiving Day, a petition was handed Mr. Waite, signed by over two hundred and fifty members of the congregation and society assuring him of their affection and deep regret on learning of his resignation and asking him to withdraw it.

On Dec. 7th, Mr. and Mrs. Waite, assisted by the Hospitality Committee, received their friends in the parlors of the church. It was the largest social gathering ever held there and was a very successful affair. An orchestra rendered a fine programme during the evening, and refreshments were served. The many and hearty expressions of good-will which were heard on every side must have convinced Mr. and Mrs. Waite of the sincere affection felt towards them by the society and congregation.

The Woman's Alliance has held its regular meetings.

TRINITY CHURCH.

The younger communicants of the parish were called together in the chapel, Thursday evening of last week, for the purposes of forming a young people's society. About 35 young men and women responded to call, and discussed the lines of work suggested by the rector.

The rector was chosen chairman ex-officio of a committee of seven, the other six to be appointed by himself, to formulate plans to be presented at a meeting in the near future, and to have general charge of the running affairs of the society. Much interest was manifested by those present.

An informal social gathering of the members of the parish will be held in parish house Monday evening, Dec. 18th, from 8 till 10 o'clock.

The following evening, Dec. 19th, we will begin tying greens for the Christmas decorations. This is a splendid opportunity for getting more acquainted with each other, and at the same time doing a splendid work for the church.

A large attendance is needed and looked for.

The Sunday-school continues to grow and improve in all directions. Last Sunday, the 10th, was the first session this term at which no new scholars were brought in. It marked also the largest attendance of the season.

A kindergarten system has been inaugurated under the charge of Miss Wheeler, with an enrollment of over fifty names and an average attendance of about forty.

This is one of the most orderly and successful departments of the school.

Sunday, Dec. 24th, is fixed as the day

of the Sunday-school Christmas Carol service, and during the week following, the usual entertainment will take place, —this year in the form of a party.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

Thursday, Dec. 14th, the Men's League has its December meeting. The Rev. G. W. Smith D. D., will make an address on "Travels Through Egypt." The Girls' Friendly Society will furnish the lunch of sandwiches and coffee. A social time will follow.

Sunday, Dec. 17th, Bishop Brewster will visit the church to confer the rite of Confirmation. The rector has been instructing a class in preparation for the Bishop's coming.

The teachers held a meeting at Parish House to arrange for a Christmas festival of the Sunday-school, to be held at the Parish House, Dec. 28th.

ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH.

On Sunday evening, Nov. 19th, Bishop Moreland of Sacramento, was with us, and gave a very interesting account of the work in his diocese. It is a new missionary diocese, composed of parts of the states of California and Nevada. The Bishop was very eloquent in describing the beauty of the scenery in that part of the country, and made many of his hearers wish they could see some of the wonders of which he spoke. Bishop Moreland was assistant Minister at Christ Church some years ago, and has many friends in Hartford who were glad to see him again.

The Young People's Club were very cordially entertained by the Misses Bill at the home of their father; Chief Bill, on Vine St., on Wednesday evening, Dec. 6th. After several games refreshments were served, and it was unanimously decided that the meetings were much more social, when held at the homes of the members, than at the parish hall.

The Parish Guild will have their annual Christmas Sale, and a turkey supper on Wednesday evening, Dec. 13th. As an additional attraction, there will be a graphophone concert which is expected to be very fine.

WINDSOR AVE. CONGREGATIONAL.

The temperance meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society, held Nov. 20th, was led by Rev. George L. Clark and was a very interesting meeting.

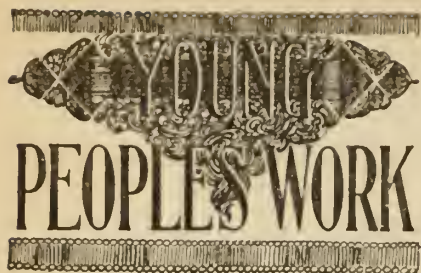
The Christian Endeavor Bible class held a Social in the church parlors Tuesday evening, Dec. 5th.

The following persons were received into one Society at the last consecration meeting: Miss Grace Murphy, Miss Lizzie Garette, Dwight Phelps and Dr. Carey.

The Ladies Aid Society gave a supper Friday evening, Dec. 8th.

An entertainment under the auspices of the C. E. Society will be given Friday evening. Miss Josephine Wyatt of Washington, Elocutionist, will be the attraction of the evening and there will be musical talent.

The services at the Alm's House have been resumed.



HARTFORD UNION NOTES.

The work of the Union has suffered some little set-back by not having a full board of officers, and even yet a vice president for the Central Section has not been decided upon.

The December meeting in the Northern and Eastern sections will be held, Wednesday evening, Dec. 13th. The general topic as suggested by the United Society is "A church and Home Meeting." At the Northern Section, Rev. Mr. Peabody of the Windsor Avenue Congregational church is to make the address at the Eastern Section. Rev. Mr. Tuthill, who has just come to us from the New Britain Union, is to make the address. The plans for these are very elaborate, and a large attendance and much interest is assured.

The Eastern Section will meet with the Glastonbury Society and the Northern with the North M. E. Church.

Arrangements are being made to hold the other Sectional meetings early in January. On account of the holidays it will be impossible to make the arrangements before then.

The Secretary of the Union wishes to make the request that every Society that has changed its director this year, notify him. Will secretaries please note.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR PRAYER MEETING TOPICS.

(From the Presbyterian C. E. Manual).

December 17.—Teach us to pray.—

Luke 11: 1-13.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

The prayer that prevails says "Not my will, but Thine."

God's love is great enough to comprehend our smallest interests.

The perfect prayer is patient; it awaits God's time.

We must remember that God is on the throne, as well as that we are on our knees.

Not merely habit but need should prompt our prayers.

The humblest saint is nearest the throne.

Prayer for others will be answered in ourselves.

Prayers that plead promises honor God.

Giving is easier for God than asking is for us.

Prayers that praise please God.

The heart that believes much will ask much.

Teach us to pray, that we may learn how to live.

From God's word to God's throne—that is the best programme for the prayer-closet.

December 24.—Our royal Brother.—

Heb. 1: 1-9; 3: 6.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

The oldest joy of Christians is still the newest joy—the love of our Saviour-brother.

A royal name requires royal living.

The brotherhood of Christ is the best proof of the fatherhood of God.

The manger manifests the kingliness of Christ.

Christ's becoming our Brother created Christmas.

Christmas lives are the best gift to our Elder Brother.

That we now have a tender Brother, who is also a sympathizing, pitying friend, is why we rejoice at Christmas-tide.

We are not worthy of our Brother, but he is worthy of our best.

Brotherhood was not understood until Christmas dawned.

Jesus incarnates God's sweetest thought for his other children.

Our royal Brother is not too high to be touched with the feeling of our least infirmity.

December 31.—The heavenly record.—

Luke 10: 20; Rev. 3: 1-5.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

There is comfort for the disappointed and misunderstood in the thought that the heavenly record is just.

The sins we hide from the world are all recorded in God's open book, for all eyes to see, one day.

The deeds and thoughts that have been prompted by love to Christ make fair reading for the Father's eye.

If our names are in God's book it matters little if they are not in fame's book.

There are no mistakes in God's ledger.

The words that will shine brightest on heaven's record are not of the deeds that shone brightest on earth.

We should be ashamed of our own names in heaven, but Jesus gives us his name.

The year that is most like heaven's years is the year most filled with unselfishness.

Thoughts occupy more space than deeds in the all-wise record.

NEW MISSIONARY MEETINGS.

The following paragraphs are taken from the new book, "The Missionary Manual," by Amos R. Wells. It is published by the United Society of Christian Endeavor, and its price is thirty-five cents. The book contains hundreds of original plans as helpful as these, and is the best book of the sort ever written.

Native Heroism.—Divide this inspiring subject among the committees, asking the prayer-meeting committee, for instance, to bring to the meeting examples of the heroism of African converts, the lookout committee to do the same for Japan, etc. Almost any missionary biography or history will furnish you with many examples. So, also, will current missionary literature.

"The Ten Greatest Missionaries" may furnish the basis of a missionary programme. The missionary committee will wish to select them, and I will not

even give my own list,—which is as well, since you would not agree to it. Each of the ten lives may be considered in different aspects, by more than one Endeavorer. Do not try to be exhaustive. For Livingstone, for instance, it will be enough if one speaks of his personal character, a second on his prominent missionary achievements, a third of the circumstances attending his death.

A Quotation Meeting.—Choose three missionaries that are good writers.—for example, Gilmour of Mongolia, Patteson of South Seas, and Martyn of India and Persia. Make extracts from their writings and give them to a number of Endeavorers to read asking each to comment briefly on the sentiment expressed. Follow each set of quotations with a short talk on the life of the missionary.

A Progress Meeting.—This meeting might come at the end of the year's work. It is for the purpose of noting the encouraging omens all over the world. Assign the different mission fields to different Endeavorers, and instruct each to note the favorable signs in the region he is treating. If there are dark clouds, for this once pass them by. Make it a hallelujah meeting.

A Twelve-Fact Meeting.—At the rate of one fact a minute, you can get into the hour five times twelve facts, with the probability that time enough will be left for the opening, for singing, and for prayers. Choose, therefore, five important missionary fields, such as China, India, Africa, South America, and the home field. Take sixty Endeavorers, and ask each to come prepared to give one missionary fact belonging to the country assigned him. If you have fewer than sixty members, appoint some to double duty. Let all the facts about China, say, be given first. Follow with prayers for China, then go on to the other countries.

A Map Meeting.—Issue a call for short missionary items, to be written out in the language of the member and read by him at the meeting. Each Endeavorer will go to the front of the room, read his item, and then pin it upon a map of the world in the proper place. Of course it will be better if you have a series of large home-made maps of various mission countries, as these will not be injured by the pins, and will show the geography on a larger scale than a map of the world.

The Union Pacific railway company has abolished the sale of liquor in every eating house and at all the railroad stations on their lines.

Nearly a hundred years ago John Wesley gave as one main reason why food was so scarce and dear, the consumption of grain in distilling. "Tell it not in Constantinople," he wrote, "that the English raise the royal revenue by selling the flesh and blood of their countrymen."



WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Hartford has begun with renewed consecration, its winter work. Though weak in numbers, we are strong in faith. We do not mean to be easily discouraged while God is on our side.

At our last meeting a very encouraging report was given of a meeting held in one of our city churches, which resulted in a great number of pledge signers.

The young ladies were much pleased with the beautiful Francis Willard pledge cards, the children with the red, white and blue triple pledges, against intoxicants, tobacco and profanity.

It is hoped that a general pledge signing crusade may be started in our Sunday-schools and Christian Endeavor Societies.

God bless the young people and make them pure, brave and loyal.

One of our members related how she had tied the white ribbon on to a little grandson, and when asked to go into a saloon he replied, "Oh! no, I must not spoil this white ribbon."

"Not by frail hands are mighty efforts made,

But all can aid the work! The little child

May gather up some weed,

Or drop some fertile seed,

Or strew with flowers the path which else were dark and wild."

SHELTER FOR WOMEN.

The month of November has been a busy one within and without the Home.

A number of girls who had been with us for sometime have gone to places.

Our Thanksgiving was a very pleasant one. A number of our friends remembering us with generous donations both in money and eatables.

Throughout the kindness of friends we were not only given an enjoyable day but had the privilege of helping supply Thanksgiving dinner in other homes.

In the evening some of the girls came to enjoy a little social time with us and the friends who called.

Miss Halstead spent the Thanksgiving with "The Home folks" in Melrose Highlands, Mass., the first time for eight years.

The Lord is richly blessing our work for which we praise Him.

Our Friday morning and Sabbath afternoon services are times of refreshing.

We are looking forward to a very Merry Christmas. A number of the girls are comin "Home" to spend the time with us and it is our thought, our prayer that it may be a real Christmas to them, having received the best gift—the Lord Jesus Christ.

We wish a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all our friends who have so kindly aided us in brightening other lives.

The report of the National Congress of Mothers is just out. It covers the Congresses of '98 and '99, and has over 300 pages. A great many of the most valuable addresses are printed in full, and it will be of inestimable value as giving the best thought of many specialists to all Mother's Clubs and all clubs paying any attention to child study.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cary Agassiz retires from the presidency of Radcliffe College on account of advancing years. She is the widow of the late Prof. Louis Agassiz, the distinguished naturalist, and is herself well known and loved for her gifted and valued services.

An industrial school for girls is to be established as a monument to the memory of Miss Winnie Davis, the "daughter of the Confederacy."

In a mission church in a province of Turkey, a poor widow with five children was helped weekly by her church to the amount of twenty cents. Out of this was brought, week after week, two cents, as her contribution to the services of the sanctuary and the support of the poor. At first the receiving deacon laughed, saying that it was absurd to bring the church's money back to its own doors. The woman was deeply hurt at this, and with tears

overflowing her eyes, asked: "Is not the money mine after you have given it to me? And cannot I also bring my tithe with the others?"—Mission Studies.

In this country we can hardly conceive of the superstition which prevails in heathen lands, and the influence which all sorts of strange beliefs and fancies have upon the every day life of the people.

The following incident, given by Dr. Sherwood-Hall, illustrates this point: A large number of Confucian scholars in long-sleeved gowns recently knelt before the palace gate petitioning the Emperor of Korea to remarry. Their memorial attributed all of Korea's calamities, including Christianity, to his majesty's remaining a widower.—World Wide Missions.

A friend of the Rev. Dr. P. S. Henson, the popular Chicago preacher, not long ago found the pastor in one of the large department stores of the Western city. He was leaning up against a supporting pillar in a brown study.

"Why, Henson, what in the world are you standing there for?" asked the friend.

"Oh," said the witty parson, as a twinkle came into his eye, "just putting into practice that verse in the Bible: 'All the days of my appointed time will I wait till my change come.'"—Ladies' Home Journal.

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SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL

The Young People's Society, which has since the visit of the Yale Missionary Band manifested much interest in the cause of Foreign Missions, has now organized a mission study class under the leadership of Mr. H. C. Ide, of the Theological Seminary. The class numbers twenty and meets on alternate Mondays, the first meeting being held at the parsonage and subsequently with Miss Hattie Gillette and the Misses Hills. The class which is studying Japan, is thoroughly in earnest and bids fair to grow. Miss Esterbrooks, a West India missionary addressed the young peoples meeting on Dec. 3rd. On Dec. 10th, the meeting was in charge of the King's Daughters.

The Ladies Auxiliary has packed a barrel of clothing, etc., for Mrs. Marsh a home missionary at Wilmington, N. C. On the 15th, of the present month they expect to send another to a similar cause in Alabama. The Second Auxiliary will hold a sale on the 16th for the benefit of home missions.

Dec. 15th is set down for the first of a series of social gatherings which the Young Men's Society, co-operating with the young ladies of the church are to give during the winter in the church parlors.

FIRST BAPTIST.

One of the most successful entertainments that our young people have ever given was "The Old Folk's Concert" under the direction of Mr. Clarence S. Shumway. A finely drilled chorus of sixty voices was assisted by Mrs. L. B. Herrick, Mrs. C. C. Prentice, Miss Florence Crosby, Mr. C. H. Miner, Mr. J. P. Comstock, the Mendelsohn Male Quartette (R. A. Johnstone, W. L. Porter, C. S. Shumway, and L. M. Ames) and the Beeman and Hatch Orchestra of 7 pieces.

The audience room was crowded to overflowing and all were delighted who were present. The King's Daughters realized a substantial fund from the entertainment. Mr. Shumway has received much praise for the success of his efforts.

Wednesday evening, Dec. 13th, the Young Men's League held their regular monthly banquet. Mr. George Ellis spoke on "The Boers," and the Rev. E. De F. Miel on "Among the Natives in Labrador."

Friday evening, December 15th, Mrs. Ballington Booth spoke in our church on "Prison Reform," in a very interesting and suggestive manner.

On December 8th, the Helper's Mission Board gave a very pleasing entertainment in connection with their annual mite-jug breaking. Life and customs in Japan were illustrated in costume.

BETHEL MISSION.

The Bethel Mission Church, Rev. P. O. Ramsdell, pastor, held a four day's holiness convention the latter part of November. Several out-of-town speakers were present and three services were held each day. The Thursday preceding the convention was observed as a day of fasting and prayer for God's blessing. The attendance was good and close attention was paid to the deep spiritual truths taught. As for

results we must leave them with our Father who knoweth all things.

On Sunday, January 7th, we will move from its present quarter in the Foster Block to a large room at 235 Asylum St., second floor. Money is being raised to furnish it with new seats and we hope to have a pleasant room for our services.

On Sunday, January 7th, we will begin another convention which will hold over Sunday January 14th, with services all the week. Several speakers are expected among them Rev. H. N. Brown of Brooklyn, N. Y., Messrs Noble, Curtiss and Messenger of Grosefordale, Ct., and Rev. John Short, of Cambridge, Mass.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST.

We have good news to report this month. On the first Sunday evening in the month, seven of our young people professed their faith in Christ by the ordinance of baptism. We are very glad to welcome these and expect that others will come soon to join the church.

The semi-annual business meeting and election of officers for the B. Y. P. U. occurred on the evening of Dec. 5th. The new officers are: Pres., John McKenzie; vice pres., Miss Mabel H. Jameson; recording secy., Richard T. Huntington; cor. secy., Miss E. Adelle Moses; treas., Miss Fidelia M. McKinney. At the close of the business meeting, an hour was spent socially with music, reading, and refreshments.

A farewell reception will be given to Rev. Jesse Smith and Mrs. Smith on the evening of Dec. 19th. Mr. and Mrs. Smith sail about the first of January for Rangoon, Burmah, where they will work in connection with the Rangoon College. All friends are cordially invited to meet them on Tuesday evening. Mrs. Smith was formerly Miss Cora Blanchard of East Hartford.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL, EAST HARTFORD.

Rev. W. B. Tuthill accepted the call of the church, and has begun work here.

Sunday evening services have been resumed, with sermon by the pastor.

The Junior Christian Endeavor Society has been reorganized and now numbers forty-one active and eight associate members. It seems to be greatly benefited by the change, and is entering into the work with enthusiasm.

Rev. Jesse F. Smith, who is under appointment as missionary to Burmah, gave a very earnest and interesting address to the Endeavor Society, of which he and his wife were very active members.

WETHERSFIELD AVE. CONGREGATIONAL.

The Endeavor Society is making an effort to bring the temperance pledge to the front. Two meetings being held at which a large number signed the pledge. The Sunday-school is now working an effort to include all its members as signers of the pledge.

The Ladies Aid Society gave a supper Friday evening. Rev. and Mrs. March and Miss March were present.

Mr. Elford L. Clark spent Thanksgiving at his home in New Haven.

Mr. and Mrs. Phipps were in Boston over Thanksgiving.

Miss Wise of Boston is visiting at the home of Miss Bessie Phipps.

WETHERSFIELD METHODIST.

The Epworth League realized about twenty dollars from the small barrels that were distributed among the members in the summer.

We held the first neighborhood prayer-meeting, Friday evening, Dec. 8th. We are to continue these meetings through the winter.

WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

Our people are making preparations to have the children made happy at Christmas time with a tree and an old time fire-place.

Rev. Mr. Eldrige has moved to Bloomfield, but will supply our church on the Sabbath this winter. One more teacher has been added to the Sunday-school.

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O men in prosperous homes who live,
Having all blessings earthly wealth
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Remember their sad doom
For whom there is no room—
No room in any home, in any bed,
No soft white pillow waiting for the
head,

And spare from treasures great
To help their low estate.
May all who have, at this blest season,
seek
His precious little ones, the poor and
weak.

In joyful, sweet accord,
Thus lending to the Lord.
—Phoebe Cary.

A lecturer who protested against people going to sleep during his disquisitions on heathen lands, would, if he perceived any tendency in that direction, introduce some queer or startling statements to revive their flagging attention.

On one occasion when his audience seemed rather somnolent he thundered out:—

"Ah, you have no idea of the sufferings of Englishmen in Central America, on account of the enormous mosquitoes. A great many of these pests would weigh a pound, and they will get on the logs and bark as the white men are passing."

By this time all ears and eyes were wide open, and he proceeded to finish his lecture.

The next day he was called upon to account for his extraordinary statement.

"But I didn't say one mosquito would weigh a pound," he protested; "I said a great many of them would. I think perhaps a million of them might do so."

"But you said they bark at the missionaries," persisted his interlocutor.

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Reserve, Re-Insurance (Inland),	.	.	63,180.92
Reserve, Unpaid Losses (Fire),	.	.	344,302.92
Reserve, Unpaid Losses, (Inland),	.	.	169,504.88
Other Claims,	.	.	104,682.85
Net Surplus,	.	.	4,808,846.75
Total Assets,	.	.	\$12,627,621.45
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De Pachmann was born July 27th, 1848. Joseffy in 1852 and Paderewski in 1859. Joseffy has been and now is one of the greatest teachers of the piano in the United States.

A letter will reach him if sent in care of Steinway and Sons, New York City. Mr. A.—Hartford.

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There is some confusion in the minds of those who use the terms to which you refer. Andante indicates a movement in moderate tempo of an easy, steady, graceful style. Andantino is the diminutive of andante and Mathews says: "Opinions are divided as to whether it denotes a slower or faster movement than andante. But the general idea makes andantino a little faster than andante."

If you will look at the Elijah, by Mendelssohn, you will find that he gives the metronome mark of 72 to the quarter note for three movements marked andante con moto, andante and "andantino."

A safe way is to study the character of the music.

The De Pachmann piano concert inspired the following in the Hartford Times.

Very glad were all to hear Weber, who is an old-fashioned favorite of the American public. And his brilliant sonata to most was a surprise and to all a great delight. Full of the style of the man and the time it yet so presented itself as to become perfectly atune with modern feeling, and one saw that in this direction we had not advanced

much. Light-hearted, brilliant, superficial, exquisite in ornament, and full of poetic touch it was here produced with its lovely air, the delicate, pearly runs, the spray of glittering notes, in a flowing and free manner and with an abundance of melodiousness that fascinated. Then the tender and graceful motif of the andante; the capricious odds and ends of airs that showered on you in the minuet and that yet moved in marked rhythms like a fly-away fairy waltz; and, finally, the ronda with its winged measures, each fringed with a thousand glittering notes, that circled around and around you in breathless haste; these all entered upon the hearer not like something strange and new, but like familiar interpretations of the best and most joyful within.

The Schumann pieces were delicious. Never emotional as such, they yet were colored with feeling, full of musical expression, and very clear in interpretation. The "Warum," full of question of all sorts, losing itself in thought resuming with a start, searching and never finding. The "Whims," odd and rife with complaints, full of unrest, and again showing sunny moments. The "Night" alive with restlessness, with strange sounds, dreams and fantasies, and with strong stress in its measures. In the "Bird as Prophet" we had the most tender warbles that could pipe from the keys, and a sentimental sweetness, though fresh and crisp. The "Hunting Song" was breezy and full of rush, the "Farewell" bubbled with tender strains, and exhibited the utmost delicacy of touch and the daintiest musical expression. But how the well-known Mendelssohn Capriccioso captivating introductory air a thousand spirits danced through its measures. And harmony, song expression, clear, intelligent illustration and lovely musical color were the characteristics of this rendition, which didn't blow over you like a storm, nor vibrate like a jigger, but rose like song in all its capriciousness of mood and expression.

And then came Chopin's melodic raptures, most of the numbers quite familiar and hence the more appreciated. It was a new Chopin we heard—and in fact, every distinguished pianist has his own Chopin—but a very lovely one. The passion, the wildness, the gorgeous, abnormally refined color were only indicated, not expressed or intensified as with others. But there was a musically wholesomeness that one missed with these. And there was, above all, the demonstration that these numbers were conceived for the instrument, and received here their best interpretation. One might say that, not emotionally, but musically this was the finest Chopin. And the technique—it left all else behind! And then, the

art that subordinated this technique—in the Mazurka, the waltz, but, above all, in the Scherzo.

The audience was very enthusiastic. It could not help being so. It was conquered from the first. At the beginning by its intelligence, next by its ear and finally by its feeling. And, throughout, one saw that with Pachmann art is joy.



YOUR WINTER CONSTITUTION.

It is well known that those who place their orders for winter garments early in the season, secure special bargains. It is equally advantageous to place an early order for a winter constitution.

Nature demands different garments for winter than for summer: almost as arbitrarily does she require a change of constitution, adapted to the season.

How many remember that last year they neglected to secure their winter constitution, and therefore found themselves shivering and feeling uncomfortable at the approach of the cold? Those who had the inconvenience of this experience will do well to reform at once, to avoid passing over the same ground again.

A good winter constitution, like every other thing of value, requires some time for its manufacture.

It can not, like Christmas presents, be given to us; we have to secure it in exchange for labor performed.

One method is to take winter on a small scale every morning in the shape of cold baths, sprays, showers, or sponge baths. Persons who are daily exposed to certain diseases gradually acquire an immunity to them, So by taking a small instalment of winter daily, when the actual thing comes, we have secured such an immunity to it that we do not have to go through the annoyance of having some of its accompaniments, such as pneumonia, bronchitis, or even catarrh.

Another very desirable precaution is that of allowing practically the same quantity of fresh air to circulate through our sleeping apartments as when summer was at its height. Altogether too many people, at the first approach of the cool breezes, close their windows; these are the ones, who a little later on, have an irresistible temptation to stop the keyhole with felt.

It is equally important to live on a pure, simple, nutritious diet, so that

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the fires of life may burn briskly, instead of being dampened by the waste products of unsuitable food. Every cell in the body at the approach of cold, naturally arouses itself from the relaxing and sedative effect of the mild autumn days, and is spurred on to a greater activity. The heart beats more lightly, the brain thinks more clearly, and every nerve responds more quickly to its normal stimulation.

Sufficient exercise should be taken to keep the nutrition of the body at its highest mark. Thousands of people are not willing to endure the inconvenience necessary to secure a good physique for the winter, and so go to some warm climate to avoid the chilling breezes, and thus lose the splendid tonic effect of cold weather. The cells overburdened and chloroformed, so to speak, are not permitted to be aroused by the gentle stimulus of cold, so instead of being a friend to stir them up to greater activity, it becomes an enemy that steals upon them unawares. As a consequence, people become enervated, and degenerate into lifelong invalids, when they might be enjoying one of nature's greatest blessings,—brisk, cold weather.

—David Paulson, M. D., in "Good Health."

GASTRIC JUICE A DISINFECTANT.

The best and quickest agent for destroying germs is a sound stomach: healthy gastric juice is the best of all disinfectant for this organ. If germs grow there, it is because there is not enough healthy gastric juice, and the best thing to do is to eat such food as will enable the stomach to produce an abundance of healthy digestive fluid. It is not necessary to swallow disinfectants; the proper thing is to get the stomach into such a condition that it will not need artificial disinfectants. In order to do this we must take such food as will not encourage the growth of germs.

Suppose we put a meal of fruits, grains, and nuts into a bottle, and cork it up tight; then take another bottle and put it into some beefsteak, mutton chops, oysters, or anything else that is dead. Put these two bottles away in a warm place for a week, and then break them. I dare say that the fruits, grains, and nuts in the one bottle would not be very obnoxious—it would not be dangerous to open that bottle or to examine its contents; but the bottle that has something dead in it—everybody would be in haste to get away as soon as that bottle was opened. The same thing that happens in the stomach that has not the power of disinfection. We are relieved from this difficulty, however, when we eat only foods that do not easily ferment.

Chauncey M. Depew is quoted in the "Dietetic and Hygienic Gazette" as saying:

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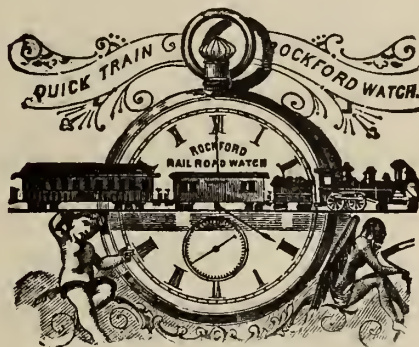
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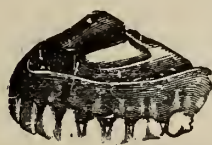
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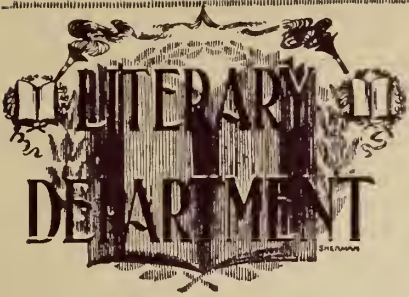
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The Zodiac Calendar for 1900 is one of the very attractive publications of R. H. Russell, Esq., of New York. It pictures humorously the signs of the Zodiac for each month of the year. The drawings, in red and black, are by Chester Loomis. The calendar has twelve pages, the figures are plain and make a useful as well as interesting wall hanger.

While the "Cosmopolitan" magazine makes no special note of Christmas in its December issue, it is up to its usual high standard of excellence. Edgar Saltus writes brilliantly on, "The Mystery of Beauty." Olive Schreiner contributes a second paper on "The Woman Question," and a story by A. Conan Doyle describes another of the adventures of "Brigadier Gerard." Frank A. Stockton and Maarten Maartens contribute characteristic short stories.

Dr. O'Meara, author of the famous volume, "Napoleon at St. Helena," left a journal of his daily intercourse with Napoleon in exile, less than half of which was drawn upon in his published work. The original journal was bequeathed by Dr. O'Meara to a friend.

It abounds in passages of the greatest interest, as bearing on the character and opinions of Napoleon, matter which was suppressed by Dr. O'Meara at the time of the publication of his book in 1822. "The Century Magazine" will soon begin to publish copious extracts from this journal.

Much has been said of the sturdy, frugal Dutch farmers of the Transvaal, but little is known of their sweethearts, wives and daughters, who have contributed so largely to the prosperity of the South African Republic. Consequently, an article on "The Boer Girl of South Africa," by the author of "Oom Paul's people," to appear in the January Ladies' Home Journal, will be interesting.

"Are we Nearing the End of the Age?" is the subject of an interesting article which opens the December number of "The Missionary Review of the World." The writer, Dr. Pierson, considers each of the principle means of computation, and reviews some of the main points advanced by various Bible students. While not dogmatically stating his conclusions, Dr. Pierson is inclined to believe that signs of the times point to an approaching crisis.

Now that the coming New Year records a new century on the calendars it will be interesting to take note of how other countries observe the beginning of the year, which will be fully described by Belle M. Brain in the January "Woman's Home Companion" under the title "Oriental New-Year's Customs."

The Christmas number of The Saturday evening Post will be on all news stands December 21st. It offers for five cents stories, articles and pictures by the same writer and artists who make the high cost magazines. A story by Rudyard Kipling opens the Christmas number.

The Bible in Court. By Joseph E. Sargebeer, Ph. D. 201 pages, 16 mo. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co. Price \$1.25.

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The Sunny Hour Series. By Anna Burnham Bryant. Boston: "The Pilgrim Press."

These are simple little story-books for young children. Each contains several short stories and an occasional poem and average about seventy pages in length. The titles are "Polly Peacemaker," "A Bird Party," "Two Little Girls," "Papa's Birthday," "The Prettiest Tree," "Bertha's Garden."

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The Mind and Art of Poe's Poetry. By John Phelps Fruit. 140 pages, 12 mo. New York: A. S. Barnes and Co. Price \$1.25.

As the title indicates, this volume is a study of Edgar Allan Poe's poetry. It is, though the work of one who is an enthusiast and a lover of Poe, a thoughtful and understanding consideration of the real value of the poet's work.

It gives a very clear insight into Poe's intellectual life. The numerous quotations, and the readableness of the book will make it of great value to everyone who is interested in this great genius and his work.

Snow on the Headlight. By Cy Warman. 249 pages, 12 mo. New York: D. Appleton & Co. Price \$1.25.

This volume, which is not altogether a mere "Story of the Great Burlington Strike," but is a study of social conditions as well, proves itself upon thought to have a much greater value than it at first appears to possess.

One finds it a very interesting story—for Cy Warman writes no other kind—but he finds it full of pungently suggested comments on evils which are not remedied, and on wrongs which are not made right.

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The Mirror of Perfection: The Blessed Francis. Being the oldest Life of Assisi, by his beloved disciple, Brother Leo. Translated by Sebastian Evans. 232 pages, 18 mo. Boston: L. C. Page & Co. Price 75 cents.

This very little book with the very long name is almost entirely described by its title. It is the life of St. Francis by one of his adoring followers. It is written quaintly and reverently and is the story of a really beautiful, truly Christian life.

Perhaps "Brother Leo" was a little

blinded by his love; let us hope not though, for his story is a little gem that will greatly please and satisfy those who are fortunate enough to find and read it.

Sermons on the International Sunday-School Lessons for 1900. By the Monday Club. 418 pages, 12 mo. Boston: The Pilgrim Press. Price \$1.25.

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The Carpet-Bagger. By Opie Read and Frank Rixley. 12 mo. Chicago: Laird & Lee. Price \$1.00

"The Carpet-Bagger" was written originally as a play, which had a very successful run. Now that it has been re-written as a novel it retains enough of the atmosphere of the stage to make it read forced and unnatural in places.

The scenes of the story are laid in Mississippi after the war. "The Carpet-Bagger" was Melville Crance, the Governor of Mississippi, and a man of little principle. He is fast growing rich by dishonest means when he falls in love, and of course reforms—and is back on at the next election.

There is the usual scoundrel and a murder case, but the story ends quite happily.

Aucassin and Niolette. By A. Bida and A. Rodney Macdonough. 82 pages, 32 mo. New York: Fords Howard and Hubert. Price. \$1.00.

This is a dreamy romance of the twelfth century. It is the story of two lovers of Provence and has been famous for many years for its beauty of thought and expression. Though this book has appeared in a hundred different forms the credit of having originally discovered and published the story in English belongs to the present publishers.

They have re-issued it now in an edition harmonious in every respect. The drawings are excellent, and the binding is very dainty and attractive.

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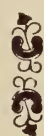
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" New York, "	362,475 00
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" Albany and Montreal, "	87,733 33
Railroad Stocks.....	1,075,349 00
State, City, and Railroad Bonds.....	5,134,578 81
Other Assets.....	24,175 15

Total Assets.....\$11,002,588 02

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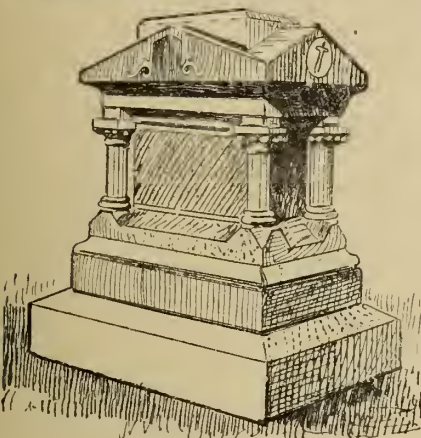
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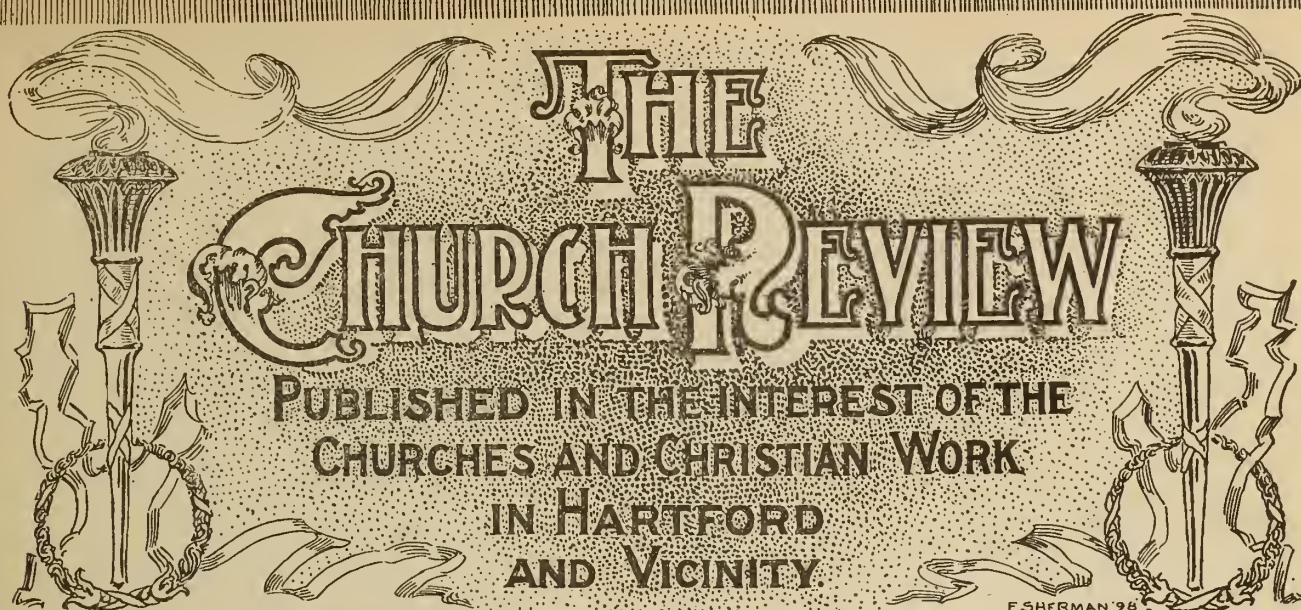
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On ocean's waste, on laughing rill,
In sportive mood they gaily dance.
No noise proclaims the coming day.
The swift-advancing pageantry
Silent sweeps on.
The dull earth, senseless, felt no change
From dark to dawn;
The sleeper woke, and thought it strange
To find it morn.

Silently breaks the morn.
Sad was my soul, and troubled in the night,
Burdened with sorrow;
On my dark spirit softly shone God's light,
Bringing the morrow.
Gently it stole. I did not note the hour,
Nor felt the change at once. With subtle power
The light illumined all my darkened soul;
Joy reigned where sorrow erstwhile held control.
When, in the night of death, dark seems the way,
Waiting the dawn,
Lead me, O God, into the perfect day,
Eternal morn!

—S. S. Times.

A man comes up to our life, and looking round upon the crowd of our fellow men, he says: "See, I will strike the life of this brother of ours, and you shall hear how true it rings." He does strike it, and it does seem to them to ring true, and they shout their applause; but we whose life is struck feel running all through us at the stroke the sense of hollowness. Our soul sinks as we hear the praises. They start desire, but they reveal weakness. No true man is ever so humble and so afraid of himself as when other men are praising him most loudly.—Phillips Brooks.

LOOKING BACKWARD.

BY REV. H. M. THOMPSON.

The closing year of the century furnishes us with an excellent view-point from which to form a conception of the character of the past one hundred years. "A wonderful century," is the comment on every hand. Truly wonderful in whatever aspect we may regard it. Science has made great progress. The nations of the earth have changed somewhat the map of the world, as they have attached territory, in some instances absorbed lesser peoples, extended the sway of their influence. Commerce has greatly increased, as the resources of countries have been developed. The discovery of new modes of applying the forces of nature has given great momentum to manufactures.

But the servant of Christ, above all others, finds most in the past century to rejoice his heart, stimulate his faith, fill his soul with hope. Let this paper be in the nature of a suggestion. I trust the reader will be led to give much thought in this the closing year of the 19th century to that which God hath wrought through His people. Let me call your attention first to

THE ENLARGED HORIZON

of Christian service. "The World Field" is broader than in the year 1800. Doors have since been opening in every direction, through which the Ambassador of Jesus has been bidden to pass. China was then walled in by her prejudices and rejected the Christian Religion. Japan had no desire for anything better than she knew. Africa was a dark continent, largely unexplored, of whose millions none even guessed. The Islands of the sea were practically unknown except to an occasional navigator. India was very inhospitable to missionaries of the cross.

What a change in ten decades! Virtually the world is now open to the Gospel. Science, Art, Commerce, Literature, and even bloody War, have served Christ by disclosing the facts regarding the peoples of earth. The Christian of the new century will act under the same Great Commission, but he will give a different definition to "all the world."

CHANGES IN METHODS.

This is a subject worthy of more than passing notice.

How can we speak of that which has come to pass in this regard? It seems to me that in the 18th. century the work of the Kingdom was entrusted to the church as an establishment. In the 19th century the Layman has felt personal obligation to give expression to his appreciation of and love to, the Christ. Sir Walter Besant, in an article on London life, says in substance that in the 18th century there was no personal service at all except in Hospitals. People could come to church if they pleased. But if they did not come, no one asked why, or took interest in the matter. The common people were illiterate, crank, fought and took chief delight in a public hanging. The 19th century might well be characterized as a century of personal service. The idea of stewardship has been widely entertained by the rank and file of Christians. The activities of the churches could not be confined within walls. Sometimes the individual, like Uncle John Vassar, has received his commission direct from Christ, and has gone out to serve his Lord on unique lines. More frequently he has worked through the Church and special forms of organization for the accomplishment of specific ends. Societies to rescue the young from temptation: for suppression of vice: to reform criminals: to promote temperance: to change the character of the slums: each of these (and others might be mentioned,) illustrate the varied forms which Christian Life has manifested during the century.

EVANGELIZATION

has been the Watch Word of the century. One hundred years ago it sounded but faintly as uttered by a few voices only raised in behalf of peoples who were groping in heathen darkness. But the Watch Word has sounded louder and louder, as science and commerce have made more perfect our knowledge of conditions in heathen lands, and as the ungodly, corrupt and heathen have crowded to our shores. Men have given their lives to carry the gospel to distant shores. Hundreds have volunteered for foreign work when the way is opened up. And in our own land is heard the hum of busy workers in all our churches: there is heard also the beat of drum and firm tramp, tramp of the Salvation Army with its hundreds of thousands of soldiers, eager to storm the very strong-holds of vice: also the rumble of the wheels of the Gospel Car, as it bears the Messengers of Salvation into the destitute portions of West and South: also the hearty response to the roll-call of over three million of the Youth of our land, who are pledged to uphold the Banner of the Christ.

Money as well as men has been poured out in an ever enlarging stream. In the opening years, the average for Foreign missions per year was about \$20,000. In the closing decade, the average is nearly four millions a year. About the same average holds true for Home Missions. And this in an age characterized by its greed for wealth.

FORWARD MARCH.

Inspired with a brief review, wherein we see the evidence of the Divine presence, let us face the coming century with confidence, courage and consecration.

They say temperance laws cannot be enforced, but we see examples every day that show they can be. A saloon keeper by the name of Chas. Purdy, living at Swanton, had been notified under the state law, not to sell intoxicating liquor to one John Waufle, but he disregarded the notice and John Waufle bought liquor at Purdy's place and became drunk, went out on the railroad and was killed. Mrs. Waufle sued Purdy and received a judgment against him for \$25,000. Purdy will be apt to have more regard for law hereafter.—Pacific Templer.



REV. DAVID D. MARSH.

Rev. David Dana Marsh, who enters upon the pastorate of the Wethersfield Ave. Church in Hartford, was born in Oxford, N. H. His father was a Congregational minister who spent about fifty years in Vermont and New Hampshire pastorates. His mother was a great-grand-daughter of Gen. Israel Putnam of Revolutionary fame.

Mr. Marsh graduated at Meriden Academy in 1861, at Dartmouth College in 1865, and at Andover Theological Seminary in 1868. His first pastorate, beginning in 1868, was over the Memorial Church in Georgetown, Mass., and lasted twenty years, during which time prosperity prevailed in the church, and steady growth in its efficiency. His second pastorate was in Unionville, Ct., where he remained eleven years, during which time a debt of about \$10,000 on the house of worship was paid and 201 were added to the membership of the church. Mr. Marsh's wife is a native of Danvers, Mass., and they have three children, one daughter living with them, one daughter married to Mr. E. A. Hibbard, a lawyer in New York, and a third daughter married to Charles Gurden Bill, a paper manufacturer in Unionville. Mr. Marsh enters upon his pastorate with vigorous health and unabated enthusiasm in the preaching of the gospel.

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The clubs and classes at the Social Settlement are in good running order in spite of the torn up condition of the house, during the enlargement of our quarters. The new gymnasium is already finished and is proving a most attractive feature of the work. The punching bag gets little rest day or night, the girls finding it as fascinating sport as the boys.

At Christmas time the settlement received many gifts of games, books and play things which are in daily use, and greatly appreciated by the young people. The new year finds us with more work than ever to be done and with increased facilities for doing it.

News of the Churches.

BLOOMFIELD METHODIST.

Our church has been saddened by the death of Miss Sadie Carter, who passed away Saturday, Jan. 6th, after a long spell of suffering. She possessed a fine character and a sunny disposition: her loss is mourned by many and her work will be especially missed in the West St. School, where she was active in the Sunday School work. She had joined this church by letter from the North Methodist Church, Hartford. The Y. P. S. C. E. gave an offering of flowers for the funeral.

The Sunday School seems in a very encouraging condition and the membership has been increased recently by the addition of several from the West St. School, which is now closed for the winter. Much interest is manifest in the work, which has been largely augmented by the active efforts of our efficient pastor and Supt. Mr. Scarborough, who has introduced a new system of lesson study, known as the Blakeslee Lesson or Bible Study. This takes up the Life of Christ this year. The plan is an admirable one and has already aroused an interest in Bible Study, which has not heretofore prevailed.

FIRST BAPTIST.

On Thursday evening, the 8th, we joined the Memorial Baptist Church in a union prayer meeting. These meetings which are held frequently with various churches we find always increase the kindly fellow feeling between the respective memberships.

The Ladies' Sewing Society gave a very successful Birthday Party on Friday evening. All who cared to come, and they were numerous, were provided with bags which were intended to hold pennies to the number of the years of the recipient's age. An enjoyable social evening was spent and enough money collected to help materially in effecting the object, the renovation of the church parlors.

The young Men's League at their banquet in the evening of the 10th, listened with much enjoyment to an illustrated talk by Dr. Stone on the "Yosemite Valley and Yellowstone Park."

We have had a wire receptacle for current papers and magazines placed in the vestibule of our church. A committee will distribute these voluntary contributions in the Hospital, Old People's Home, and Widow's Home. Why don't you introduce this idea into your church!

Another new thing: We have just admitted the women of our membership as regular members of the business portion of our church, The Church Society. It is a right of suffrage they seem to appreciate and we anticipate as a result, increased enthusiasm in all portions of our work.

The Pastor has prepared a series of topics, especially adapted for use in family devotions, for general circulation.

TRINITY CHURCH.

The Girls' Guild meets Monday evenings, as usual in the guild room at 7:30, to which all young ladies are invited to come.

A Mission Study Class has been formed among the ladies, to meet weekly during the winter, for which the subject of Japan has been selected.

A splendid missionary work is being done Friday afternoons, after school, by the young folks of the parish,

in the various rooms of the Parish Building, sewing classes for the girls, and framing of Perry pictures by the boys.

Rev. Geo. R. Warner preached at the morning service, Jan. 14th, in exchange with the Rector.

The first meeting of the newly formed young people's society will be held Thursday, Jan. 18, at which the subject of "Sunday Observance" will be discussed.

All young people will be welcome.

Mr. Rees has been obliged to leave the city on a four weeks' business trip, so that the Rector has to assume full charge of the Sunday School.

Three new teachers have been added to our roll, Miss Mabel Newton, Miss Christine Belden, and Mr. Walker. This was made necessary by the continued growth of the school.

SOUTH BAPTIST.

The Bible school observed Christmas with a service appropriate to the day on Christmas Sunday; and on the following Wednesday evening teachers and scholars alike enjoyed the Christmas tree with its bountiful yield of gifts. But perhaps the greatest pleasure of the evening was the giving of articles of clothing and food of many kinds to needy families.

A class lately formed by the pastor, for men, to study problems connected with the social life of the day, is proving quite successful. All men whether Christian or not, are invited to join.

The King's Daughters meet Tuesday evening of this week to make a Thank-offering for the carrying on of their work.

We believe, as a church throughout its various departments, in systematic giving. The running expenses of the church are met in this way by weekly pledges from the people. The church also contributes weekly to five lines of Mission work.

The young People's Society's obligations and the support of a native mission helper on the Foreign field, lately assumed by it, are met in the same way.

And now the King's Daughters are adopting the same plan, that of making a yearly offering instead of trying to raise the money by faires or entertainments.

If you wish to arouse a deeper missionary interest in any church, one of the best plans, we can say by experience, is to invite one of your most successful missionaries, one thoroughly imbued with Christ's spirit himself, to your church some Sunday and let him speak to the people morning and evening, to the Bible school and to the Young People's Society.

The Junior Endeavor Society remembered the children at the Home for Incurables Newington, with a Christmas gift of a rocker, taking it to their new home, and giving a little entertainment while there.

ASYLUM HILL CONGREGATIONAL.

The pastor invited all the young men of the parish to his house on the evening of Dec. 26 for a social meeting.

The monthly Sunday evening service of song has proved an opportunity to hear some of the most beautiful and inspiring music, well rendered by the choir. Members of other parishes are invited. The first Sunday of the month at 7.30 o'clock.

The Mission Band sent a Christmas box to a needy Swedish pastor, in a town near by. Appreciative letters were received in response. Also the Society has given a series of tableaux for the entertainment of the deaf mutes recently.

SOUTH PARK METHODIST.

Sunday, Dec. 31, the last day of the old year, was observed in the church and Sunday School as Decision Day. About twenty in the Sunday School decided to live for Christ and in reply to the question "Choose you this day whom ye will serve," said, "I choose God."

The new year was commenced with two weeks of special evangelistic services conducted by the pastor, assisted by ministers of other churches. These meetings were most helpful and uplifting and many, who had rejected and neglected Christ for a long time were brought into touch with Him and are now consecrated to His service.

Mr. Louis N. Demiston, who is the president of our C. E. Society and Asst. superintendent of the Sunday School, is assisting the pastor for a time in making a systematic visitation of this section of the city, inviting families not associated with other churches to attend South Park Church and Sunday School.

Bishop Andrews who dedicated the church 25 years ago will preach on the Anniversary of the Dedication of this church, and Rev. M. D. Buell, D. D., a former pastor, will also preach on the same day, April 1st.

At the last communion, five new members were received into the church by letter and six on probation.

ST. JAMES CHURCH.

The church is rejoicing in its choir that overflows the chancel. The morning congregation comfortably fills the little church these beautiful Sundays, even in the evening there is undeniable growth. Thursday evening we have a parish reception.

At the supper last month we realized over \$30.00.

The Sunday School nearly fills the church and we overflow in the Parish room.

WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

Rev. Mr. Elsdon is holding meetings in Chicago. Mr. Ballou preached for us last Sunday very acceptably. The annual business meeting of the church will be held Thursday evening, Jan. 18th. Mr. Eldridge preached to-day.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

The Sunday School continues to grow and is most encouraging because of the interest and enthusiasm shown by the pupils.

The Christmas entertainment at Jewell Hall was delightful to both young and old alike. The glittering and well-laden Christmas tree was of course a great source of delight to the children, but they were also greatly delighted by the entertainment. Probably the most enjoyable feature of the evening was the exhibition of the Peak sisters and their accomplishments, under the skillful leadership of Miss Hayden.

The beginning of work at the Sheldon St. Mission has been greatly delayed this year, but it will soon begin, we hope with a strong corps of teachers.

The Girls' Friendly Society have most lively and interesting meetings. The young ladies show a live interest in the concerns of the church and the parish.

The Knights of Temperance have their regular Thursday night meetings with a social once each month. We are pleased to note that the young men are beginning to show active interest in the Parish work as well as the Sunday School.

WETHERSFIELD METHODIST.

We gave a Christmas entertainment Dec. 27th, which

was very much enjoyed by the children and their friends.

The ladies of the church gave a donation party at the parsonage Friday evening.

The attendance at the Thursday evening prayer meetings has somewhat fallen off during the cold weather.

WETHERSFIELD AVE. CONGREGATIONAL.

The annual meeting of the church was held Thursday evening in the church parlors. Friday evening the members of the church gave a reception to our new pastor, Rev. D. D. Marsh and family. The parlors were tastefully decorated in pink and white. Refreshments consisting of cake, ice-cream and coffee were served.

Mrs. Shew, Mrs. Dickinson and Miss Barchfield presided at the coffee. All had an enjoyable time.

Mr. R. H. Noble is slowly recovering from a short illness.

FIRST METHODIST.

Last week being the Week of Prayer, special meetings were held every evening. These meetings were very well attended, and those who came found them very helpful.

At the Sunday School session, Dec. 31, the Rev. Mr. Carr from the Parkville M. E. Church, gave us a talk on Missions, which was very interesting.

On Wednesday evening, Jan. 17, the Ladies' Aid Society gave a social at the church.

SECOND ADVENT.

Our Sunday School held its special services for the Christmas season Friday, Dec. 29th, which was, of course enjoyed by the children, all of whom were remembered with appropriate gifts.

The Mt. Carmel Home for children is engaging the attention of our people at present, the children taking envelopes to fill with money as they can obtain it, while the ladies are packing a barrel of necessities to send soon. Other fields also, West and South, have kept the Ladies' Aid Society busy packing and sending barrels of supplies for their use.

The topic under consideration at our Loyal Workers' Tuesday evening meetings is at present, "How can we best help the church in her work?"

Our pastor, having been called to other duties, has not been able to be present lately at these meetings, consequently, with such a topic, we have not made much progress. We hope for his wise counsel at our next meeting. A number have expressed themselves as having been specially helped by these meetings.

TRINITY CHURCH, WETHERSFIELD.

One afternoon and evening during the first part of this month our Sunday School gave some "Mother Goose" tableaux which were a success. The children went through their parts in a manner very creditable to the careful training of Mrs. Lilienthal and Miss Mary Andrews. The tableaux were rendered more effective by the able assistance of Mrs. Kellogg and Mrs. Lizzie Warner, Mrs. Kellogg singing as each tableau was shown, and Miss Warner playing the accompaniment.

Mrs. Kinney presides at the organ during the absence of Miss Warner, whose illness we all very much regret.

We are greatly interested in the entertainment to be given by the young men of our church on Thursday evening, February 8th, in the parish house. All who are to take part have tried hard to make the entertainment a success, and we hope that their efforts will be rewarded.

It is a pleasure to announce that one of our church members, Mr. Furnival has interested himself in behalf of the Sunday School, and will from now on act as our superintendent.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

The Christmas day services at the Church were largely attended, and a large number partook of the communion. The musical part of the morning service was in keeping with the day and was well rendered. The church and chapel were tastefully trimmed with greens.

The Children's Festival and entertainment was largely attended and enjoyed Dec. 28th. A play entitled "How Santa Claus was caught," by the members of the Sunday School was well rendered, and greatly enjoyed.

The credit for this belongs to Mrs. J. Birmingham, who worked hard in drilling the members, to make the play a success.

The Third of the Men's League Meetings was held Thursday, Jan. 11th. The Rev. F. S. Luther of Trinity college gave an address on "Labor-Saving Machinery."

It was an interesting and up-to-date talk on the present and future of labor-saving machines, and their influence on mankind. Music and refreshments followed. The lunch of hot escalloped oysters, sandwiches and coffee was much enjoyed. As this was the last time the Girls' Friendly Society are to assist the League by furnishing the lunch, a special effort was made by them to make it a success. A hearty vote of thanks from the League was extended to them.

The Girls' Friendly Society enjoyed a talk by Miss Hewins, the librarian of the Hartford Library, Tuesday evening, Jan. 9th.

The Daughters of the King are to assist the Men's League in the last three meetings of the League.

A missionary service was held at the Church, Sunday, Jan. 14th at 3:30 p. m. The vested choir rendered the music. The rector, Rev. Mr. Bristol, gave an interesting address on David Livingstone and his work.

OLIVET BAPTIST.

On the evening of December 26th, our Sunday School held its Christmas concert. There were songs and recitations by the children and selections by the church choir. Our scholars recited their pieces well and showed the good training which they received. The gifts were many and useful. The pastor, Mr. James B. Connell, received a Dresden clock from members of his congregation. The members of the choir and congregation presented the organist, Mr. Herbert W. Newton, with a handsome music cabinet in quartered oak, as a token of regard for his services. We have just finished observing the week of prayer. The meetings are to be continued. Rev. Mr. Hands of South Windsor is to take charge of some of them. We trust that we will see good results from these meetings, and may God prosper us all.

GLENWOOD CONGREGATIONAL.

On Jan. 11th the C. E. Society held a "special meeting" to consider the advisability of disbanding. They voted to do so on account of lack of interest of the members. It is hoped that another Society will be formed during the year with a large membership.

The teachers hold meetings every Thursday night after the prayer service to talk over the Sunday School lesson for the next Sunday. They claim it is advantageous to them personally, and also in teaching others, as some bring out thoughts that others do not think of. These meetings are well attended. The Sunday School is well represented this year, both teachers and scholars being much pleased with lessons to be studied.

There has been a special committee appointed to get up a concert for the benefit of the church.

The Junior C. E. Society is larger than ever, having forty or more members.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL, EAST HARTFORD.

The special music at Christmas was very successful. In the evening the choir was assisted by the Beeman Hatch Orchestra.

The primary Sunday School held its annual holiday exercises on New Year's afternoon.

The annual meeting of the church was held January 10. The attendance at the tables was 133, the largest on record. The trustees elected for three years were: Frederick Comstock and Geo. A. Williams, and for one year to fill vacancy, C. Henry Olmsted. Miss Lillie M. Hunting, historian the past year, gave a very excellent review of the year, and was re-elected. Several important changes were made in the by-laws, which it is believed will prevent a recurrence of the difficulties of the past.

WINDSOR AVE. CONGREGATIONAL.

Sunday morning, Jan. 14, Rev. DeLoss Love preached in exchange with the pastor.

The past week has been observed by the church as the Week of Prayer. Monday evening the church and Y. P. S. C. E. met together.

Friday evening Mr. Merserve of the Seminary movement, spoke at the meeting. Miss Moses spoke of her work as a missionary in South America.

The Christian Endeavor Bible class is increasing in numbers and all the members enjoy the study very much.

The pastor has organized a class which meets at the parsonage every week to receive instruction preparatory to joining the church.

WEST HARTFORD CONGREGATIONAL.

The spirit of our meetings have been more enthusiastic since the secretary gave to each member a record of attendance, of prayers or testimonies given, also of verses or quotations read. This has shown to each one, that the benefit from and the success of the meetings depends on all, and more testimonies than scripture is growing to be the result.

A large number of young people met at the church, Jan. 2, and enjoyed a very pleasant social evening. It was especially pleasant to have the absent members there, it being their vacation.

There is a neighborhood in our town so far from our church that it is impossible for the people to attend our evening meetings. Jan. 3d it was made possible for people in this vicinity to have meetings of their own, as a C. E. Society was organized by an active member of our society who lives in that part of the town.

There has been an attendance of thirty or forty at the meetings since they organized.

WARBURTON CHAPEL.

On Sunday, Jan 7th, the annual Sunday School report was read.

The average attendance during 1899 was 153. The offerings amounted to \$243.30, the whole number of teachers and officers is 40, 19 of whom are men, and only 4 of the whole number have not been with us over a year.

The enrollment of the school Jan 1st showed: Officers and teachers, 40; scholars, 172; home department, 40; total, 252. At present there are twenty-two regular weekly appointments,

The Christmas entertainment was very successful. The chapel was attractively decorated with running pine, laurel and holly. The children did their parts well and the audience room was filled with parents and friends. Mr. Talmage received an enthusiastic welcome from all who had heard him before and he soon won the remainder of the audience, so that the new friends joined lustily with former acquaintances in asking for "just one more" recitation.

Our bi-weekly mothers' meeting is growing in favor and attendance. This week Mrs. Mary L. Hastings and Miss Elsie Burdick have it in charge.

The teachers' meeting on Jan. 9 was the first one since the Christmas interruption.

Another sewing class has been formed making at present six for plain sewing and one for dress-making.

A social will be given on the evening of Jan. 26.

UNITY CHURCH.

The Christmas entertainment was given by the Sunday School on the evening of Dec. 29. The programme consisted of tableaux and recitations representing a "Procession of the Holidays;" a play, "A Love of a Bonnet;" a cake-walk by Marjory Eaton and Frank Bascom, members of the kindergarten class; and music by the choir. Following this the presents were distributed by Mr. E. M. Cutting, secretary of the Sunday School, and boxes of candy were given to all the children present. Ice-cream and cake were then served. An unusually large number were present and the evening was much enjoyed.

The annual meeting of the Unity Social Club was to have been held Friday evening, Jan. 5, but to lack of a quorum the meeting was postponed to Jan. 9, when the officers for 1900 were elected and the usual business transacted.

The annual meeting of the Unitarian Charitable Society was held Jan. 11. The officers for the ensuing year were elected and a number of new members joined. It was voted to work for the present for North Street Social Settlement.

For four Sundays the Hon. William E. Symonds has read before Mr. Waite's class from his remarkably interesting paper on "Immortality." The readings were much enjoyed by a large and appreciative audience. The paper is finely written and shows that Mr. Symonds has spent much thought and study on the subject.

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL.

On Thursday evening, Dec. 28th, the meeting was given up to recollections of Mr. Moody. Dr. Parker reviewed many of his activities and concluded that Mr. Moody's work could not be ascribed wholly to his devotedness, but that in addition he was peculiarly fitted in character to achieve such great results. Deacon Woods, General Dwight, Mr. Olin H. Clark and Rev. Magee Pratt also spoke, referring to the divine power so apparent in his doings.

January eleventh, being Dr. Parker's fortieth anniversary as pastor, was marked by the usual gathering of the parish, and although the night was stormy the chapel was crowded by those interested in the church, many of whom had come from considerable distances to present to him their congratulations. Dr. Parker spoke briefly and referred feelingly to the expression of the love and loyalty of his people. It was voted to send the love of those present to Mr. Henry C. Robinson who was unable to attend.

The Young People's Society held their election of officers for the coming year Dec. 24th. Miss Welthea Dewey, who has been secretary for several years continuously, was unanimously re-elected. It is hoped to make

this year unprecedented in the work of this Young People's Society for the Kingdom of God.

The Mission Study Class retains its interest and numbers. The class has met recently at the homes of Miss Mary L. Robinson and Miss Arline Northam.

FOURTH CONGREGATIONAL.

The amount necessary to secure the salary of Mr. Howard S. Gault, our missionary member of China, was nearly raised by pledges during the morning Mr. Wichaul was with us.

The Pastor's New Year reception proved to be as enjoyable an occasion as ever. Many from the church and congregation attended, both giving and receiving hearty greetings for the New Year.

The Week of Prayer was observed by cottage prayer meetings all through the parish.

THE OPEN HEARTH.

The reception of friends of the Open Hearth which was held on Christmas day was largely attended, and an enjoyable time of social intercourse was had. It was a feature of this reception that many from the neighborhood, as well as friends from other quarters of the City, were present, thus showing the general interest felt in the work of the institution, and the hold superintendent Miller has in the affections of all our citizens.

The children's festival which was held Wednesday evening, December 27th, was crowded. Nearly 200 children and their parents filled the rooms to overflowing and the reading room was opened to accommodate the number present. The Christmas tree was loaded with presents. Christmas carols were sung by the children, and all passed a happy evening. The presents were given out by superintendent Miller at the close of the services and a pair of warm gloves or mittens to each.

The children of the neighborhood had prepared a pleasant surprise for superintendent Miller in the presentation to him of a large handsome steel engraving representing the crucifixion, thus showing their love for him and their appreciation of his unwearied labors to bring them to Him who suffered for all.

The New Year has commenced with the most favorable auspices, a large number each evening coming forward for prayers and the interest in the meeting is increasing.

THE SHELTER FOR WOMEN.

Our family has been quite large of late, many new and interesting cases having come to us. We have had very tender and hallowed times in our services, as we have told them of Jesus, who is able to save all that come to Him.

Many friends gave of their means to us, so that we had a very bright and happy Christmas. Many of our girls were able to be with us, and a number of friends came in the evening.

Our rooms were prettily decorated with evergreen, and we had a large Christmas tree, and many gifts. A pleasant service of song and prayer was held, followed by recitations and readings. Refreshments were served later in the evening.

We have had large donations to our "Clothing Bureau," and we have been glad to supply warm clothing to the many people who come to us. We have received over one hundred and fifty-five dollars from our "Bureau and lodging departments" the past four months.

Miss Reid, an evangelist from Brooklyn, N. Y., assisted in our Thursday morning service recently.

We earnestly invite the Christian people of Hartford to visit our Home, and to pray that God may bless our efforts here.

BLOOMFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

The annual meeting and roll-call of the church was held Thursday evening, Jan. 4th. A supper was served by the ladies, previous to the business meeting.

The reports from the different officers and church organizations, on the whole were encouraging, especially as regards the financial condition of the Sunday School and the operation the "Coupon Pledge System" in the church. The work of the committee for the revision of the church roll, preparatory to the issue of a new church manual in 1901, has gone steadily forward. Absentees have been persuaded to take letters, delinquents have been dropped, in fact its work the past year, to use a military term, has been to "clear the deck for action," and an earnest, aggressive effort will be made this coming year to more than make good our losses.

The union meetings of the three churches here, beginning with the week of prayer were well attended, and the interest manifested, seemed to warrant their continuance. That a goodly number of our young people are seriously considering the matter of their personal salvation, has been clearly evident of late, and also greater concern on the part of professing Christians, in their behalf. These are hopeful signs as we enter upon the new year. We are anticipating a visit from the Hosmer Hall Band, next Sunday evening, the 21st. Coming as they do at the time when we are securing pledges for our mission Fund by systematic giving, we are sure their presence will contribute much to the interest taken in missionary work.



Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Dr. F. N. Seerley of the Springfield Y. M. C. A. training school will address the men's meeting Jan. 21st.

The Religious department held a committee meeting Wednesday evening, Jan. 3rd. Miss Jones briefly spoke of her settlement work.

The New Year's "Open House" passed off successfully. In the afternoon fully three hundred young men were welcomed to the building. The "Martin-Hill" combination of Springfield gave a very pleasing and unique entertainment in Jewell Hall in the evening which was enjoyed by many. The decorations added to the attractiveness of our "home."

The Yale University Y. M. C. A. will send a speaker and young men's quartette to assist in the services at the men's meeting, Sunday, Jan. 28.

This first term of the seventh season came to an end last month with an enrollment of nearly 300 in the nineteen classes of Hillyer Institute. Judging from these figures the total enrollment for the season will be a little larger than last year. The second term began Jan. 8th.

The Exchange checker team played the Springfield Y. M. C. A. team Jan. 15th at Springfield. The return

game will be played in our rooms Jan. 22nd. An admission of 10 cents will be charged while the games are in progress. Our team is composed of workmen who are trying hard to interest those who know nothing of the Exchange privileges, and certainly they should be encouraged.

The next meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. will be held on Thursday, Jan. 18th, at 3 p. m. It will be an unusually interesting occasion Mrs. Dr. Stone will be present and take part in the exercises.

Mrs. Dr. J. K. Knowles of N. Y. City will give a Bible Reading. She is prominent in Christian work and well known as a writer on Biblical subjects. Her Heart Talks on the Sunday School Lessons, published each week, are a very valuable contribution to the subjects. The matter of holding a short series of special religious meetings was considered at a recent meeting of the Religious department committee. The work of Miss Wray commended itself to the committee. She has met with success as an evangelist. It was voted to secure her services the last Sunday in February and for the following week. Mr. C. F. Powlison, special secretary of the West Side Branch Y. M. C. A., New York city, speaks in the following terms of her: "Born in the actual experience of a gentle-woman of culture and refinement, who, in the strength of her youth, has answered God's call to a peculiar service in darkest London, her message is not a theory, but a life. Men of all classes when they see her, and hear her, are brought into sympathy with the Christ power. They are made better."

The series of lessons in the gospel of St. Luke was completed Friday night, Jan. 12th. Dr. Ballantine favors taking up the study of the life of Christ as given by St. Matthew in preference to the course of study in the Book of Jeremiah. The continued work in the New Testament will prove quite, if not more interesting, as the work in the Old Testament. Certainly too great stress cannot be laid upon the importance of more acquaintance with the life and teachings of the world's savior, Jesus Christ. The course is open to all young men.

On the second and fourth Tuesday evenings for the next two or three months various sections of the reception committee will have charge of member's "off nights." They will be simple informal gatherings for the enjoyment of the members.

Monday noon Jan. 1st, the Association bowling team, composed of three men, went to Waterbury to bowl for the state championship. Bridgeport, Winsted, Norwich, Waterbury, Middletown and Hartford were represented.

R. L. Peard, W. W. Pratt and Dr. Stocker represented Hartford Y. M. C. A. and defeated every team present, winning all the prizes offered. Each man on the winning team received a gold medal. R. L. Peard won the high average prize, a bowling ball and case, and the Association receives the championship shield. It will look well on the alley wall.

Saturday evening, Jan. 6th, Hartford bowlers went to New Haven and won two out of three games. Total score, Hartford, 2470; New Haven, 2435.

Hartford has 1st place in the triangular league. Saturday evening, Jan. 6th, the Holyoke Basket Ball Team visited Hartford and were defeated by the home team by a score of 24-17. A large audience witnessed the hard fought game and everyone was pleased. A reporter said: "Lots of enthusiasm."

On Tuesday evening Jan. 9, the Meriden High School played the H. P. H. S. an exciting game of basket ball in our gymnasium, and as a spectator put it, "it was one of the most interesting games I have seen, the playing was so fast and no one hurt." Score: Hartford 15, Meriden 9.

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A GOOD START.

How many a race has been lost from its beginning by a poor start. How many a battle has ended in defeat, how many a business enterprise has ended in bankruptcy, and how many a life has ended in failure, because of a poor beginning.

A good start in a race has not only the obvious advantage of the distance gained, but the momentum acquired is also an advantage, and a greater one yet is the stimulus it gives throughout the race.

We have all recently witnessed what a tremendous advantage the Boers have gained in their war with England by a few striking successes at the start. The moral effect has not only a good effect upon the Boers by its encouragement, but it has awakened widespread sympathy for their cause, and it will doubtless attract to their standard a great many who had previously wavered in their allegiance. If victory in the end comes to the English now, it will probably be at a tremendous cost in men and money, largely because they have made such a poor start.

A good start is almost indispensable if we are to make a true success in life. The possession of wealth is not a necessary factor, for while a few dollars at the start will help one man toward success, a great many dollars might prove his greatest handicap. A fixed and worthy purpose is absolutely necessary, the power of self control must be obtained, and if true success is to be attained, the inspiration of a real Christianity must guide every purpose and effort. With these motives, and the exercise of good judgment and common sense, success is assured.

New Year's resolutions are not to be sneered at. The man who makes a good start at the beginning of each

year, will probably be the better for it when the year ends. It is infinitely better to make a good start, though we trip occasionally or often, than it is to go through the whole year at a limping gait.

TRUSTS AND MONOPOLIES.

The problem of trusts and monopolies is one of the most serious ones with which the twentieth century will have to deal, especially as their power becomes greater and their range wider.

Beyond doubt they are the legitimate outgrowth of the competitive system. Beyond doubt, also, they are able to lessen the cost of production, and so to make the world richer. Their system of production is a great improvement in many respects over the previously existing system (or lack of system) of individuals or firms, but their system of distribution of profits, and the methods by which they stifle competition, is woefully wrong.

To abolish the trust principal altogether, by legislation, would probably be a step backward in human progress. The government, if it chose, might so limit the scope of trusts, and safeguard the rights of individuals, that the trust would cease to be an evil. But at present the boot is on the other leg, and it is the trust which limits the functions of the government.

If this evil continues, and is more and more aggravated, as it probably will be, the logical outcome is likely to be that trust monopolies will become government monopolies, and under a truly popular government the change would probably prove a profitable one in many respects.

One thing needed in the Police Department is a covered patrol wagon to replace the present one. It is altogether too familiar a scene in our streets at present to witness the patrol, with clanging bell rushing through the streets with its load of drunken humanity, male and female, its mud-stained, blood-stained, sin-stained features placed on public exhibition, and followed by a motley crowd of shouting boys, men and even women. It is not only a disgusting spectacle, but an exceedingly demoralizing one as well.

Mr. Geo. W. Van Siclen, treasurer of the American Transvaal Fund, to aid the widows and orphans of the Boers, has sent out an appeal for contributions. The appeal is so lengthy to be inserted here, but it must be evident to everyone, in view of the terrible loss of life already incurred, that there is a great and pressing need for assistance in the Transvaal. Contributions can be sent to Geo. W. Van Siclen, treasurer, No. 141 Broadway, New York, who will send a formal receipt.

A notable enterprise has been undertaken by the Christian forces of Philadelphia. It is nothing less than a complete census of the city's homes, all to be taken in a single day, February 22d. The army of Christian workers who will be engaged will come from all the churches. There is complete co-operation of denominations for this purpose—Roman Catholics, Unitarians, Universalists, Salvation Army, Y. M. C. A., W. C. T. U., besides the regular denominations. The city has been divided, and district leaders secured, so that the census will be taken with all the system and accuracy of a Government census. The statistics gathered will be placed in the hands of the pastors and Sunday Schools.

Not a bad idea for Hartford.

Congratulations to Dr. Parker upon the completion of a forty year's pastorate at the South Church, a record of service seldom equalled. May he celebrate his golden anniversary of the same service ten years hence.

KING'S DAUGHTERS CHAPTER HOUSE, PROSPECT AVENUE.

Things have been quite lively at the Chapter House during the fall and winter. The Christian Endeavor Society had a Holow'een supper which was most thoroughly enjoyed by the young people. Games following the good old fashioned baked beans and pumpkin pie.

The last of November this society gave a little reception in the nature of a farewell to Miss Esther Pratt and Mr. J. H. Gaylord, both of whom have been faithful workers in the society from its start, Mr. Gaylord being the first president. Miss Pratt will be greatly missed not only in the Christian Endeavor but also in the Sunday School, where she has acted as librarian and secretary, and in the King's Daughters Circle. Our best wishes go with them in their new field of labor.

The Sunday School has suffered the loss of several from the corps of workers, but on the whole can be said to be holding its own. The kindergarten is in a most flourishing condition having two trained teachers as leaders.

Perhaps the most telling work this season has been accomplished by the King's Daughters. At Thanksgiving donations were sent in for dinners and as a result ten families were made glad and thankful with the provision of turkey or chicken all the vegetables down to cranberries, cake, pie, oranges, apples, nuts and candy, with tea, coffee and some little added luxury especially desired. This was done entirely by the Circle, no one outside being called upon to contribute, and when the girls started out to deliver their substantial cheer, they rivaled any grocery team in its busiest season.

The annual fair of this association came in with the first clear cold days of winter and made a busy time for the cheerful workers.

Hardly had the traces of the fair been cleared away, when again the cosy rooms of the Chapter House were a scene of cheery hospitality. A reception given to the King's Daughters of the State to meet Mrs. Ballington Booth—being the occasion. The rare privilege of meeting this talented little woman was certainly appreciated, for during the hour of the reception the rooms were well filled. Never has the Chapter House looked brighter or more cheerful than on this afternoon, when wreaths and garlands of holiday greens, and draperies of flags vied with brightly cushioned window seats, daintily set tea tables glittering under the soft red lights of candles, while the hospitable open fire crackled a hearty welcome to all.

The two visits of Mrs. Ballington Booth to this city are due to the energy of the King's Daughters. The first visit was in October when she spoke in the Center Church, which was taxed to its utmost capacity, to accommodate the audience. Such enthusiasm followed this meeting that a second visit was arranged for, this time the audience being limited to King's Daughters, the circles of both county and state being invited to attend the Chapter House tea, and the evening address which was given at the first Baptist Church.

Dr. Crane, dentist, No. 8 State St., whose advertisement appears on our back cover occupies the same office as did his father and his uncle before him, established in the year 1827, or 70 years ago, the oldest dental office in Connecticut. The office sustains the enviable reputation of former years, and there is nothing in the line of progressive dentistry that is not practical here. The special inducement to patients is filling and extracting teeth painlessly, also an extensive practise in gold crowns and bridge work. Terms and prices at this office are eminently satisfactory.

FARMINGTON AVE. CONGREGATIONAL.

The New Year's Reception which had been planned for the evening of Jan. 1st, was postponed on account of the dangerous illness of our pastor's little daughter, who at that time was critically ill with diphtheria. We all feel grateful that our prayers have since been answered, and that the little one is now on the high road to recovery.

The entire church mourns the loss of a dear and honored friend in the Rev. Geo. E. Sanborne, whose massive form and saintly face have been familiar to most of us for many years. In the prayer meeting he will be especially missed, when his earnest prayers and counsels, often varied by the repetition of an apt hymn, were of great help to many.

Mr. L. W. Allen's Young Men's Bible Class are planning a series of social gatherings, the first of which will occur this month.

Dr. Geo. M. Stone is to give a lecture on confirmations of the Bible found in Palestine.

The annual meeting of the church was held Jan. 11th, and of the Ecclesiastical Society, Jan 13th. The reports at both meetings were of unusual interest, as they covered the period of transition from the old to the new location.

The Chinese School will celebrate the Chinese New Year, Feb. 5th.

NEW BRITAIN AVENUE SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION.

The annual election of officers was held Jan. 15th. The meeting was opened by prayer, the minutes of the last meeting were read and the following persons were elected for the coming year: Superintendent, Mr. C. F. Agard; asst., Mr. Henry S. House; asst. lady supt., Miss May Watrous; secretary, Mrs. Henry House; treasurer, Mr. Henry E. Gage; librarian, Richard Walkely; choir-ester, Miss Alice Agard; finance committee, Miss I. L. Mill, Mr. Henry E. Gage, Miss Nellie Clark, Mr. Richard Joslyn. The devotional committee consists of Mr. J. Olines Little and Mr. Richard Joslyn. The reports from the different branches of the mission show it to be in a prosperous condition, which is gratifying to both officers and teachers. The young ladies of the Infant department deserve great credit for the good management and increased numbers of the little folks. This department is fast outgrowing their room.

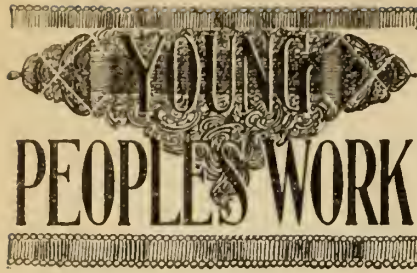
By the good management of the finance committee the School is out of debt, and a little laid by for a "rainy day."

"The Ladies' Aid" has been able to contribute twenty-one dollars to the work, and have a balance of seventeen in their treasury. Mrs. Henry House still retains the position of chairman of the "Home Department."

A suggestion was made by Mr. House, that the officers and teachers meet every Sunday afternoon, a few minutes before the opening of the School, to ask God's blessing on the work, which was heartily approved by all.

After the business of the evening, the young ladies served cake and coffee, and all went home with the feeling that the Lord had indeed prospered and blessed the Mission during the past year.

Steele's School for girls ranks among the first among local educational institutions for the careful and thorough personal instruction given. The courses are varied, as will be seen by the advertisement of the school on another page, and the instructors are thoroughly competent and trained. Especial attention is given to the musical department known as Steele's Music School. The instructors in this department possess the highest qualifications for the proper musical development of their pupils.



THE HARTFORD UNION.

The December meetings of the Southern and Central sections were held Wednesday evening, January 17th. At the meeting of the Southern section, as that section has no vice-president now, Mr. Nelson Bassett, the ex-president of the Union presided. Reports were presented from different sections on the question: "What are Endeavorers Doing for the Churches?"

Reverends W. B. Pruner, Frank Dixon, and Mr. H. E. Parkhurst read papers on the various things Endeavorers might do for the Church. Rev. H. M. Thompson gave the address of the evening: "How Can Endeavorers Promote Religion in the Home?"

The meeting of the Central section was held with Olivet Baptist Society. Dr. Edwin H. Munger, the newly appointed president of this section, presided. The same general programme was followed as that of the Southern section save that the speakers were different, and Rev. Alfred T. Perry gave the principal address.

The attention of all Endeavorers and their friends is called to a mid-winter trip to Washington, which is being arranged by Mr. J. H. Mansfield of New Haven, for the week beginning February 23d. The cost will be very reasonable.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR DAY.

The Sunday nearest to February 2 is always assigned a topic relating to the Christian Endeavor Society itself. In the celebration of the anniversary of the organization many societies hold special exercises, with addresses and appropriate programmes. Usually, too, the occasion is made the opportunity for a missionary offering from the Endeavorers to the denominational boards.

It is good to give up one day a year to the Society which is so important a department of church work. Every society is helped by a review of its own activities and by an examination into its own progress. We urge that Christian Endeavor day be made much of this year. Take for the central thought of the meeting, whether it be a popular gathering or the regular society service, the topic assigned on the card, "Things that endure."

Consider carefully what are the enduring and essential things in Christian Endeavor. Then have stress laid on these. Seek for definiteness and instruction in the addresses and papers. Urge that participants prepare by reading the early literature of Christian Endeavor. A question box on Chris-

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tian Endeavor would be valuable, if the right person conduct it. Emphasize the pledge, the weekly prayer meeting, and the monthly consecration service, definite work by each society through its committees, practical fidelity to the church, and fellowship with fellow-Endeavorers. Aim to make all present understand what Christian Endeavor really is.

Take up the question of what is legitimate work for Christian Endeavor, and show why it is not a do-everything society. Its field is in the church, and it can have no work outside of the church, except as commissioned by the church. Magnify the society as a church agency, which is its primary mission. And may the blessing of Him who has so gloriously blessed the Christian Endeavor societies in the past be upon them richly in this great anniversary day!

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR PRAYER MEETING TOPICS.

[From the Presbyterian C. E. Manual.]
January 21.—"Send me."—Isa. 6: 1-10.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

God will make ready the soul that is willing.

No man is fit to speak for God until he realizes his unfitness.

God will not let us preach for him unless we let him choose our field.

God's kingdom will surely come, but we may miss the blessing of helping to bring it.

He who is not interested in missions is not interested in Christ.

Every consecrated life is in a mission field.

We can run God's errands only in God's power.

God is ready; only man delays.

We can never find peace until we find God's place for us.

Every Christian can in some way preach.

Dare we tarry with the tidings of life, when sin and death never tarry?

God has a living coal for the lips of every one who says, "Here am I."

God cannot use us at home unless we are willing to go to the ends of the earth.

January 28.—Lessons for Simon and us.
—Luke 7: 36-50.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

They are highest in Christ's favor who are lowest at his feet.

Self-satisfied Simons do not satisfy the Saviour.

The tears of penitents are jewels for Christ's crown.

There is no other one respect in which the world acts so directly contrary to Christ's example and teaching as in judgment of the erring.

Greatest love seeks the lowest place.

When we throw ourselves at Christ's feet he takes us to his heart.

Some of us have to fall before we can learn to forgive.

Christ does not regard social standing.

Our debt to Christ to be paid in the coin of love.

Charitableness is as much a duty as thastity.

The faith that dares, finds.

When Satan can't hurt a good man in any other way he makes him self-righteous.

February 4.—Things that endure.—Matt. 7: 21-27.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

Not high professions, but true deeds insure acceptance with Christ.

Only things pure ever endure.

Christian Endeavor will endure until its work is done, provided it keeps true to that work.

If our society keeps to its true mission as a part of the church, it will endure as long as the church visible.

Methods are transient; motives are permanent.

Whatever is in Christ must last forever.

If Christian Endeavor is founded on the rock of loyalty, no winds can shake it.

Service is eternal.

Mottoes and watchwords cannot insure Christian Endeavor's permanence, but faithfulness to duty can.

So long as there are young people in the church in need of training there will be need of a young people's society.

We hope for the permanence of Christian Endeavor because its fundamental principles are eternal truths.

February 11.—Seek ye first the kingdom of God.—Matt. 13: 44-46.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

The kingdom should be put first because it lasts.

Seek early, serve long.

The kingdom of heaven is the first thing in the universe; why not in our life?

When we seek the kingdom we meet it seeking us.

A little child is most at home in the kingdom.

Every true study is a search for the kingdom of God.

Souls can grow to perfect stature only in the atmosphere of the kingdom.

The kingdom of heaven is a present kingdom.

We find the kingdom in the written and in the Incarnate Word.

He does most for the kingdom who wins a child to it.

There have been times when children were not welcomed into the church, but there never have been times when they have not been welcomed into the kingdom.

February 18.—The sin of liquor selling; how end it?—Hab. 2: 1-15

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

When the liquor dealers—big and little—are made to feel disreputable, one step is taken toward the end of the saloon.

When there is no demand, supply will cease. Let us save the youth from desire for strong drink.

The saloon should be attacked on the ground of patriotism as well as of religion.

If every Christian community kept its own neighborhood free from the saloon, the business would be diminished.

The saloon is the Christian's problem as well as the drunkard's.

Because the saloon is strong, we should be ashamed to make half-hearted efforts against it.

When we put down the saloon we lift up the race.

Because the saloon is a murderer, it should die.

The sense of chivalry should make every man a warrior against the saloon in every way.

If we are our brother's keeper, we must keep him from strong drink.

Every mouth closed against strong drink helps close the saloon.

We cannot pray right if we live wrong.



Conducted by Mr. George Whipple Steele.

Questions on musical subjects of general interest will be answered in this department.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Mr. A.—Hartford.

There are two very pleasing trios for piano, flute and violin, by F. Behr which you can get at any of the music shops. The trio, to which you refer, is by Weber, written for the piano, flute and violin cello. Its opus number is 63. Of this trio, Sir Julius Benedict says: "It is a beautiful and effective work, written in the full ripeness of the composer's talent; the combination of the three instruments, though not common, was a happy one. The first Allegro moderato of a serious and contemplative character, followed by a capricious scherzo, a simple Idyll called "Shafer-Klage" ("Shepherd's Plaint"), and the romantic brilliant Finale contain all beauties of the highest order. In the last movement Casper's drinking-song in "Der Freischütz," and even the hunting-chorus, are forestalled; it is also remarkable for its unity of design."

Weber wrote this trio in 1819. He was born in 1786, died in 1826.

Mrs. K.—Hartford.

Your question of method in piano technics will be answered in the next number of the "Review." In regard to Leschetitzki's teaching Mr. Ward Stevens in an article in the "Musical Record for Jan. 1900 on "Paderewski and Hamburg as Representatives of Leschetitzki" says:—

Paderewski's first visit to this country proved a gold mine for Leschetitzki. Had Hamburg come first, what would the all round result have been? It might have been the same so far as Leschetitzki and the American pupils are concerned, and again it might not. I have it from good authority that at the time Paderewski went to Vienna to study with Leschetitzki, his repertory was very large and his playing was exceptionally hard and bad. But he went there with a determination to become a good pianist and to succeed, and he did. I believe that he is responsible for his splendid development, and that had he at that period of his life gone to some other city, and studied with some other noted teacher, and worked just as hard and faithfully, he would have succeeded. It was in the man's blood; he possessed the power of concentration; he was a student. I do not wish to deprive Leschetitzki of any honors; I do not wish to be uncharitable; but I do not believe that Leschetitzki or any other man was responsible for Paderewski's ultimate work as an artist.

Such artists are too great, too individual, to be able to feel that they themselves are not responsible for the result. Leschetitzki never dreamt of Paderewski meeting with such success, but he has predicted a career for Hamburg second to none. I was for a time a fellow student with Hamburg under Leschetitzki; that was five years ago. Hamburg was then fifteen years old and the pride of the class. His showing at that time was really remarkable in point of technic and repertory. Every week he learned and memorized a new work of colossal dimensions, and it seemed as though his fingers could accomplish any feat. He was frequently taken to task by the "Vienna Crank;" in fact, Leschetitzki was just as harsh with him at times as he was with any of his pupils, but Hamburg had an individuality and a very strong one. I recognize in Hamburg today the same individuality that he had five, almost six years ago. He has of course developed and enlarged his repertory; in fact, he plays everything. I marvel at his memory's capacity; but what a very different type of artist from Paderewski! Their temperaments are altogether different; their conception of the same work is generally different, and their technic in the broadest sense of the word is decidedly different. Which do you like? Which do you prefer? Paderewski charms you, he soothes you; Hamburg thrills you, dazzles you, bewilders you, stuns you. Paderewski plays a few bars of a Chopin nocturne and wins your heart at once, while Hamburg's stupendous chord and octavo playing, combined with brilliancy in everything he plays, puts new blood into your veins, and you look awe-struck and spell-bound. His wild Russian temperament is contagious; you can no more resist it than you can the falls of Niagara. When Paderewski plays the "Erl König" or anything of that nature I always feel that it is an effort for him to play it, and consequently a sympathetic listener is pretty tired at the conclusion of the performance; with Hamburg the effect is just the reverse. He plays such things with such consummate ease and dash that you feel exhilarated afterwards. Now if the teacher of these artists is so decidedly individual, if he is such a marvel as his many admirers claim that he is, why did he not put into the playing of the artists some one thing that is similar? To me their playing is in no sense alike, and probably never will be. Now to my point. Many months ago I wrote an article which was published in the "Musical Record," on Leschetitzki and his teaching, with a view to helping the American piano students to a proper solution of the Vienna problem; and with two of Leschetitzki's pupils here now in the personalities of Paderewski and Hamburg, I write these few words to put you on your guard again. Each of these artists say, "Leschetitzki taught me what I know." Personally, with all due respect to Messrs. Paderewski and Hamburg, I believe their remark to be inspired by friendship for the man; but such remarks only tend to demoralize the young American students. As I said before in these columns, when I was studying in Vienna, Leschetitzki had a class of eighty odd pupils, and with the exception of a handful of foreigners they were all Americans; and further than this, I don't believe you can put your hand on any one of those Americans who have

studied two, three, or four years with Leschetitzki who ever developed into a great artist. In short, there is nothing miraculous about Leschetitzki's teaching; and if you would only stop a few moments and think sensibly about it all you would not rush to Vienna and stay there for years and labor under the delusion that because you are "one of them" that you are bound to succeed. It isn't fair to yourself or to Leschetitzki. I thoroughly agree with the student who wishes to go abroad and study; I think it's a good thing; but don't go as an idol worshipper."

The Vesper service at the Park church is gaining friends every week. Now if these friends will please to remember that it costs money to furnish the same, and if they will come prepared to contribute money for the support of it, they will make it possible to continue the good work that the Park Church people have generously inaugurated.



SOME HINTS ABOUT HEALTH.

CONTRIBUTED BY GIDEON C. SEGUR, M. D.

Caution Against Contagious and Infectious Diseases.

For The Sick Chamber select a large, airy, pleasant room that can be readily ventilated without causing a draft; one of the very best means of ventilation is through an open fire-place in which a fire is kept burning. The room should be in that part of the house which is most quiet, and in the upper part so that the air from it shall not so readily get into the other rooms. A room with plain walls—hard-finished or painted, is best because it can be disinfected more easily and thoroughly, afterwards; and all unnecessary articles should be removed from the room. In making the bed it is well to place a piece of rubber cloth over the mattress to protect it from the discharges of the patient.

In the sick chamber: In the case of most of the contagious diseases the patient should be isolated in the sick-room and no one but his nurses and the physician be allowed to visit him.

All discharges should be received from the patient immediately into a vessel containing a disinfecting solution, and, after thorough disinfection, should be thrown into the sewer, or, if there be no sewer, buried deep in the ground at least one hundred feet from any well or running stream of water. Under no circumstances should they be thrown upon the surface of the ground or into a running stream or pond of water. Any rags or paper soiled by the discharge should be burned at once. All articles of clothing worn by the patient and the bed clothing, when changed, should be placed in a tub or other vessel containing a disinfectant solution before removal from the room, and thoroughly boiled before being handled. All cups, spoons, glasses, etc.,

that have been used in the room should be cleansed in boiling water before being used by others, and all remnants of food should be destroyed by fire before or immediately upon removal from the room. In fact, nothing should be taken from the room without being disinfected. The three essentials in the sick room are:—

1. Plenty of fresh air.
2. An even temperature.
3. Perfect cleanliness.

During convalescence there is danger of contagion for a variable time, depending upon the disease. In the eruptive skin diseases the danger continues long as the skin peels off and until the new skin is perfectly formed. The patient should not be allowed to mingle with the public until all danger of carrying contagion has been pronounced passed by the physician.

The burial of all persons dying from scarlet fever, small-pox, measles and diphtheria should be strictly private, and children especially should be excluded from attendance. After the recovery or death of a patient from any contagious disease there should be an immediate and thorough disinfection of the quarters used by the patient and attendants.

DON'T TURN UP YOUR COAT COLLAR.

There seems to be a habit or fashion among the young men of this city, at this season of the year, to turn up the collar of their overcoats about their throats, and with chin drawn within its protection and hands in pockets to go back and forth to business. It is a bad habit, having a tendency to render the throat more sensitive to change of temperature; while a graduated, regular exposure hardens it and makes it less susceptible to such dangers. It is well, to always dress the neck and throat in the same manner. Just as soon as one begins to use anything in the shape of a muffler it must be continued through the season, when there comes the added danger of a careless neglect and a consequent "catching cold." One should be clothed according to the amount of muscular exercise; an active person, walking, should not be encumbered with clothing, but should wear just enough to keep warm in; and it should be so put on as to in no way impede the full movement and use of the limbs and chest. If you must wear an overcoat when walking do not button it up tightly but have it open, take a brisk step with the arms swinging freely and naturally, in which case your overcoat will be of service to you if you have to stand or ride afterwards, as by closely buttoning it the too rapid cooling of the body is prevented. If every young man who wears his collar turned up would spend an hour each day in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium or in like healthful exercise he would seldom need an overcoat when walking and never turn up his coat collar unless to prevent the rain or snow from getting into his neck when caught out in a storm without an umbrella.

A school-boy was asked to explain the formation of dew. His answer was, "The earth revolves on its axis every twenty-four hours, and in consequence of the tremendous pace at which it travels it perspires freely."



WOMAN'S WORK

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

The woman's Christian Temperance Union of Hartford extends a cordial New Year's greeting to every Christian woman in our city. We hope to enlarge our membership this year, and thus increase our usefulness. We need your help, our sisters, your presence for an hour, twice a month, at our meetings, held at present in the chapel of the Fourth church; your prayers that the great drink curse may be removed, and your cordial sympathy along all lines of our work. There are forty departments of work, so that each woman may surely find a place where her talents will tell for good. To the women of our land belongs a sacred duty: the duty of purifying homes, of elevating the tastes of our young people, educating the consciences of our future citizens and removing if possible all stumbling blocks that lie in their way. Even to belong to this Union that stands confessedly for pure homes, pure morals, pure lives, "For God and Home and Native Land," means that we are on the right side. Our object is to help the world to be better. Miss Willard said "The mission of the white ribbon women is to organize the motherhood of the world for the peace and purity, the protection and exaltation of its homes." Our Connecticut State president in her annual address of 1899 says: "We believe that whatever destroys or degrades the home must be banished. We believe that the legalized saloon as it exists throughout our land, and the world, is the greatest destroyer of home and the family, that can be found under God's sun, therefore it follows 'as the night the day' that we are bound to secure if possible its overthrow."

To secure the overthrow of this evil in our own lovely city, we need the help of all good women. It may not touch your home directly, but some home is less bright than it might be, some father is failing his own, some son refusing to satisfy a mother-heart, and some mothers, wives and daughters' even, dishonoring the names they bear. Are you helping these deluded ones to do better? Will you throw your influence on the right side?

"Our banner is Love, and will never be furled

Until Christ in His righteousness governs the world."

WOMAN'S WORK NOTES.

The Arcadie, Girls' School in Darjeeling, Indiana, founded by Miss Emma L. Knowles, is a flourishing institution.

A company of Mohammedans in Northern India were discussing the work of our Christian schools, and,

pointing to one of them, one said, "If we could have our way, we would go there in a body and pull down the building, brick by brick, until not one remained upon another." A Hindu standing by said, "You might do that, but you could not pull down the power behind the bricks—the power of Christian womanhood."

The Rev. W. A. Noble, speaking of Mrs. Hall's country trips on Pyeng-Yank Circuit, Korea, says: "The results following her visits suggest what might be the glorious outcome if a force of workers able to travel over the country could be furnished by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society."

The Woman's Home Missionary Society has taken steps to send two deaconesses to Porto Rico at once. Day schools will doubtless be opened, and all phases of Church work will be put into vigorous operation. Let us bespeak for Porto Rico the sympathy and prayers of the entire Church, that its people may not only be Christianized, but educated in the highest and best forms of American citizenship.

Mr. Stover, of Bailundu, cautions the people of America and England about congratulating themselves that slavery and the slave trade in Africa are substantially things of the past. He affirms that in the districts of Portuguese Angola more slaves are being sold now than ever. "We miss this one and that one," he writes, "and upon making inquiries find that they have been sold. The traders are all through the country and the slave can be disposed of without the trouble of taking him to the coast. The open sore of Africa is still a long way from being healed."—Mission Herald.

Japanese preachers are occasionally open to the criticism made upon some preachers in America, that they do not preach the gospel so much as about the gospel. Not long since, after a discourse by a native preacher in Japan, in which he spoke in praise of Christianity, and of its fitness for the Japanese, one hearer hunted up the speaker after the sermon, and said to him: "You spoke well and said a great deal to commend your views, but isn't there some way for us to find out what this Christianity is?" Such a question ought to be more suggestive to the preacher than a whole volume on homiletics.

A new era is dawning in Mexico. The advent of railways is opening a wide field; her people are rousing from their slumber. The Government is extending her protection over the poor as well as the rich classes, and rapid progress is witnessed on every side. The wealthy and powerful of the Mexican Republic owe it to themselves to let the spirit of freedom and independence find full growth in the bosoms of all, from the toiling peon on the "hacienda" to the wild, dark Indian in the fastnesses of his mountains.—Fanny Chambers Gooch.

It is only the man who devotes his whole time to being a Christian who will make a success of it.

EVANGELISTIC WORK IN MEXICO

By Rev. George B. Winton, San Antonio, Texas.

Such evangelistic work as the writer has done has been as presiding elder. The arrival of the querido presbitero is an occasion of moment in each little church. When he drops off a passing train on Saturday afternoon, or disembarks from a wiry Mexican pony, he finds a warm welcome. The pastor meets him with a fraternal embrace, his well-brushed broadcloth outshining the elder's drab or gray business suit—for experience has taught the traveler that in this country the most satisfactory clothes are those which will not show dust and stains too conspicuously, and which are cut on such a pattern as will enable him, on occasion, to use them for sleeping garments. Fire as a matter of personal comfort is unknown among the Mexicans, and those uninitiated to this mode of life have a struggle to keep warm. The nights especially are often bitterly cold.

At the home of the preacher, or of some good brother layman, the visitor finds cheerful hospitality. If it is in an interior town, the floor of the house is probably of earth, its windows unglazed, the bed a canvas cot or a board platform, and the fare eggs and beans with chile pepper for sauce and tortillas for bread. But a Christian welcome and the earnest desire of every member of the warm-hearted, loving family to make him comfortable make one feel as much at home as if in a palace. Never have I been cared for by people more intent on the comfort of a guest than the average Mexican family. Nothing is too good for him, no pains too great. Their treatment of the missionary especially calls to mind those Galatians who would willingly, had it been possible, have lent the sick and half-blind apostle their very eyes.

A little visiting with the pastor—calling upon the sick, or such others as need special attention—a long chat about the circuit, its condition, and progress since the last quarterly conference, and the afternoon goes by. Night comes, and with it the hour for the opening service of the quarterly meeting. An hour beforehand the bell is rung long and loud. The Catholic churches in this country have so many bells, and ring them so much, that in some places the police have interfered. Our people seem to think that their time has come at last, and that the more they ring their bells the better. After the first long call there is a pause, and then one tap. This means "first bell." Half an hour later the call is repeated ending with two taps. Then, at the appointed hour, a final and protracted clanging is indulged in, winding up with three taps, "third bell"—and positively the last. About this time the congregation begins to gather, and within another half hour, more or less, the service begins.

First we sing. Our hymns are mostly the Popular Sunday school and revival songs. With their lively music and frequently-repeated chorus, they are more readily learned and better liked than the regular hymns. It is to be observed also that the versification of the three measures most gen-

erally employed in our English hymns is foreign to the Spanish language, and the corresponding music seems stiff. Still, the popular songs most in use are translations or paraphrases of the English—some good, some not so good, and some atrociously bad. Unfortunately this difference seems not to matter, if only the tune is a taking one.

The service goes forward in the usual manner. The congregational is exceedingly decorous, for respect for sacred places is thoroughly inculcated among the young people of Mexico. But they are also very childlike. Half of them will spring up with a great clatter to provide a place for a late comer, polite at all hazards, but oblivious to the fact that the noise they are making entirely drowns out the announcement of a hymn or the reading of a text. Dogs and children are everywhere. The former thump about under the benches, renewing acquaintances, passing the compliments of the season, or declaring war, after the usual fashion of their kind. The babies—well, they are just babies. Their mothers are not nervous, and as between the baby and the preacher give

are repeated, and again when the groups break up at the street corners.

Sunday is the great day of the occasion. The visitor, if he wishes to gauge the work of the Sunday school and Young People's society, will be a spectator, instead of taking up the time "making a few remarks." The Sunday schools, I am sorry to say, are usually conducted in an awkward manner. It is rare that teachers are available. These humble, childlike people have an innate, almost invincible, aversion to taking the role of instructor. So the preacher has to do all the teaching, and a class of old and young of both sexes and all stages of instruction is not easy to manage. He catechises a little and exhorts a good deal, usually taking up the whole morning hour thus, instead of preaching. In a few places it is possible to divide the school into classes, usually because former pupils of our mission schools are in the congregation. These everywhere form the main reliance for teachers.

The young people's prayer meeting is usually held in the afternoon. The observer will not find it lacking in interest. The young workers have few



THE FALLS OF JUANACATLAN.

most of their attention to the sermon. If the baby decides to cry, they seem to consider it a free fight between him and the man in the pulpit. I remember very few cases in which it occurred to the mother that others could hear better if the young musician were taken outside.

A simple text, one of Luther's "little Bibles," is the preacher's theme. His preaching must be in the clearest and easiest terms of the gospel if he would be understood. Consecutive speech, even consecutive or protracted thought, is to his audience an unaccustomed thing. They also lack the standing ground of a training in Scriptural truth during childhood. The sermon must not be long. As it is a week night, and most of them are up later than usual after a day of toil, some are sure to sleep. Others listen eagerly, their black eyes shining with interest or dewy with tears.

After the service every member of the congregation will wish to "salute" the elder. All shake hands, inquiring earnestly about the health of his appreciable familia, how he has been since the last visit, and so forth. Then all shake hands again to say good-night. Outside the door good-nights

precedents. They have had but little instruction in how to carry on their work. Only of late has it been possible for them to even see the weekly lessons in Spanish. They proceed, therefore, in the most unconventional manner. This originality is often very refreshing. Combined with it are quaint customs as to the manner of conducting public exercises and high-sounding terms taken from the phraseology of literary and mutual benefit societies which give a piquant flavor to the whole occasion.

The young people look upon taking part in the service as an honor rather than as an unpleasant task. They are fond of elaborate programs, and are never in a hurry. Songs, readings, recitations, and poems abound. Each participant solemnly ascends the pulpit, escorted often by two associates. A Mexican child upon the platform is like Casabianca on the burning deck: he is there for a purpose, and such trivial accidents as stagefright or forgetting his place never suggest to his mind the thought of retreat. If he forgets he will stand still, rolling his black eyes and working his thumbs, till from some remote corner of his inner consciousness the missing words

are dragged by main force. No matter how long the pause, nobody laughs. On the contrary, the auditors wait patiently and sympathetically, or, if they can, prompt the sufferer in loud whispers. All sing—the gift of catching and following a tune seems universal among them—and all speak or pray in turn without hesitation. On one occasion at a children's prayer meeting the leader was calling upon a row of boys in succession—most of whom, after a stammering sentence or two, would fall back on the Lord's Prayer—when a certain youth was passed over. At this the worship was interrupted by a sharp word of reproof coming in a loud voice from the rear of the audience. It was the boy's mother, who proposed to have no shirking on his part nor any neglect on that of the leader. When it was explained to her that he had had his turn before she came in, the meeting went on.

But the interest of the whole quarterly meeting centers in the Sunday night service. There are children and adults to be baptized, candidates to be received, the sermon and the Lord's Supper. It is the hour when all are at leisure and when strangers are most likely to drop in to see and hear.

The baptisms come first. They mark the gathering of fruits. Men and women who at last are ready to leave the superstitions of Rome are not often satisfied with the baptism they had at her hands, and so we baptize them again; and the babies must be baptized while small. There seems to remain among the parents a little superstition as to the need of this, but it is in a good cause. This ceremony is often not without its humor from our standpoint, and the missionary is glad that there are no spectators occupying just that point of view. Next comes the sermon. The preacher makes his message a broad one—comfort and instruction for the believers, explanation and exhortation for those who have not yet accepted the gospel. He finds the minds of people who have so long sat in darkness hungry for religious truth, their hearts weary with life's burdens. The comfort and hope



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of the Christian religion are very dear to these poor souls. Perhaps they do not conceive at first a very high ideal of Christian morality. How could they? But they hear and obey the Voice which says: "Come unto



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me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Such is the work where we have a church house and an established congregation, but more than half of our preaching and evangelizing is in neighborhoods where the meetings must be held in private houses. In little, dark family rooms, where the cat and the dog and the cock make themselves at home, the gathered company crouch about on beds, boxes, chairs, or Mother Earth, and listen to the precious story of salvation from sin. They sing from memory, crooning over the hymns they have learned by ear, and pray and testify with a fervor which warms one's heart. It recalls again the days of Paul and the church which was in the house of Aquila and Priscilla. Any recent additions to the little group of hearers are objects of special attention on the part of the host and of other veteran members. The warm atmosphere of welcome and good will which they find soon breaks down the universal prejudice against the Protestants and their religion, and so they come again and learn the doctrine of Christ, drawing nearer and nearer, till they are ready to accept him. But family ties and social and business relations often form strong barriers. The respect paid to parents is a prominent aspect of Mexican life, and if the father or mother objects to the "new religion" it is a serious matter.

The older people are often extremely conservative. San Luis Potosi has two railways—one completed in 1888, and the other in 1890. Both do a large business and have many trains a day. But there is an elderly lady in that city who, though still able to go about the streets, boasts that she has never

seen a locomotive, and, what is more, she never will. She holds the good old orthodox opinion that they are a work of the devil. Such ignorance and deep-seated prejudice as this backed by the authority of a selfish and designing priesthood, make slow work for the truth. We find it not merely difficult to make converts; it is often impossible to even get a hearing. Any kind of material progress is, therefore, helpful to the cause of missions. The Mexicans resident in Texas, for example, present a broad contrast to their countrymen at home. Contact with a Protestant people has worn away their prejudice. They have no foolish fear of the mere act of approaching a place where the gospel is preached, and have become in every respect far more accessible. May this fact not be of itself a hint as to the church's duty toward them?

The service is over and the congregation dismissed. The last good-night has been spoken, and the missionary is left alone in the fireless, floorless, dimly-lighted little room which a few minutes before served as a church. The family—blessings on their kind hearts!—have crowded themselves into the kitchen in order to give him space and privacy. The night wind—that dry, chill wind of the Mexican plains, sand-laden, electric—roars about the thatched roof and adobe walls of the little house and insinuates itself through every crevice, nipping at him with comfortless fingers. He wraps himself in his blanket, thinks of home, reads perhaps a few pages from some precious book, talks awhile with that Master in whose steps he is trying to walk, and then "He giveth his beloved sleep."

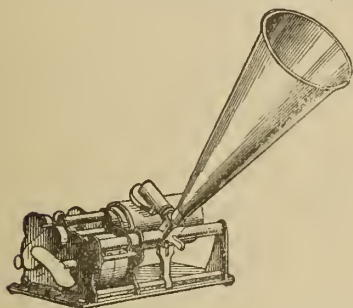
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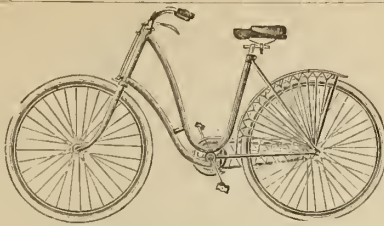
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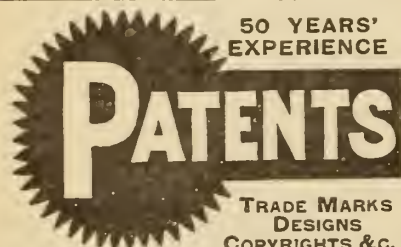
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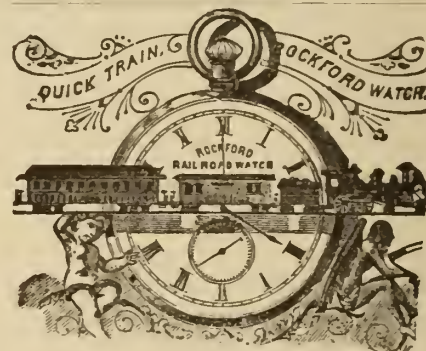
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The account of the adventures of the Yankee Skipper, Captain Slocum, who sailed alone around the world in a small sloop has aroused a great deal of discussion since the first appearances of the articles in the "Century." In the January issue the skipper describes some amusing experiences in the Transvaal—where "Uncle" Paul Kruger became angry with him because he said the world was round. Theodore Roosevelt, Rt. Hon. John Morely and Rudyard Kipling are other contributors. An excellent engraving in this number also of "Christ Walking on the Sea" reminds one of the fact that the Christ seems ever to be becoming more and more the inspiration and ideal of *litterateurs* and artists. Mrs. Ward wrote a beautiful "Life of Christ" not long ago, and in the January McClure's magazine a magnificently illustrated life of the Saviour, by Ian MacLaren, is begun, to continue through the year.

The "Ladies' Home Journal" has an article of special interest at this time on "The Boer Girl of South Africa." It is by Howard C. Hillegas, the author of the book "Oom Paul's People," which we reviewed in these columns recently. "An American Mother" is the name concealing the identity of one of the most prominent women of the day, who begins a series of singularly frank articles dealing with vital social questions. No one can afford to miss reading this series.

Another "series" of rare interest is composed of the stories told each month in "Ainslee's Magazine" under the heading "Tales of the Chemist's Club." The one this month is called "The Analysis of Faith and Love." Among the numerous other articles and stories none is of greater general interest than "The Mormon Richelieu," by Arthur I. Street, an article about George Q. Cannon, the present head of the Mormon church.

The "Self Culture Magazine" has a reputation that it never falls back from. Its title indicates something of what may be expected as its contents. It is always very readable and always up to date. The department "The World and its Doings" considers current history.

"The Missionary Review of the World," published by Funk & Wagnalls of New York, always follows history closely as regards its influence on missions and missionary work, the world over. Its general articles on subjects of religious character have made it known as the best missionary magazine in the world.

In "Scribner's Magazine," Mr. Barrie's new serial "Tommy and Grizel"



"Lorna Doone's Brook."

begins, as does also Theodore Roosevelt's "Oliver Cromwell." Howard Pyle and Henry James are among the story writers for the number.

Horace Bushnell: Preacher and Theologian. By Theodore T. Munger. 425 pages, 8 vo. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin and Co. Price \$2.00.

Few people of the present generation realize the influence Bushnell had upon New England theology. His influence for a simpler, better and more real religion was greater than any other individual, not excepting Jonathan Edwards. His life was marked by sincerity of purpose, and conviction. Character was the secret of his power and his success. His life was beautiful.

Mr Munger has succeeded in producing a book that is not only a biography of Bushnell, but a critical analysis of his writings as well. For several reasons the book is of unusual value—the principal one being that as a labor of love the text shows that sympathy with, and appreciation of, its subject, which makes its beauty and inspiration most strong.

Fisherman's Luck. By Henry Van Dyke. 247 pages, 8 vo. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. Price \$2.00.

A book of stories, woodland sketches and open air philosophy, something in the same vein as the author's "Little Rivers." It has all the refreshing, out-of-door odor of that book and a wider range of human interest, being full of personal anecdotes, and descriptions of well-known people and little-known people.

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"Lorna Doone's Brook" is an illustration which we reproduce in connection with this review. It is characteristic of most of the illustrations in this book.

The Legionaries. By "Henry Scott Clark." 385 pages, 12 mo. Indianapolis: The Bowen-Merrill Co. Price \$1.50.

A story of the great raid of Morgan's Confederate Cavalry through Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky. The story is told by John Trenham, a young Virginian who though a captain in Morgan's command, is in love with a patriotic Northern girl. The beauty of their love story is not lost sight of but is woven in throughout the series of vividly accurate pictures of thrilling occurrences of the time. There is not a single hitch in the story. It dashes on like the raiders, chapter after chapter, natural, forceful and unaffected.

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The intensity of interest that holds one all through the chapter "The Ride of the Three Thousand" seems to prove it a little masterpiece of description in itself.

Mammy's Reminiscences. By Martha

S. Gielow. 109 pages, 8 vo. New York: A. S. Barnes & Co. Price \$1.00.

Lively and pathetic negro character sketches, rhymes, and jingles. The negro "mammy" here shown should be a perfect picture of the type, for Miss Gielow, who is a native of Alabama, had in mind her own black "mammy" who cared for her in child days.

A plantation lullaby with words and music by the author is worthy of special mention for its harmony and beauty. "Blow, Li'l Breezes, Blow," is its title. It is excellent. The book is attractively bound and illustrated.

Why Men Do Not Go to Church. By Cortland Myers. 148 pages, 16 mo. New York: Funk & Wagnalls Co. Price 60 cents.

A subject such as this book treats of is very likely to be brought up by an extremist. It is a subject of such vast

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The book is valuable as a literary estimate of world-famed masterpieces of literature, as well as for its main idea of helpfulness in building character.

The Great Physician and His Power to Heal. By E. E. Byrum. 112 pages, 16 mo. Moundsville, W. Va.: Gospel Trumpet Publishing Co. Price 50 cents.

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have an uninterrupted interest. The author is occasionally a trifle vague—that is, an idea which he evidently very clearly comprehends himself, he does not convey to the reader forcibly.

But that fault is quite overshadowed by the merits of the stories.

Two Little Knights of Kentucky. By Annie Fellows Johnston. 192 pages, 16 mo.

Little King Davie. By Nellie Hellis. 105 pages, 16 mo.

A little Daughter of Liberty. By Edith Robinson. 131 pages, 16 mo. Boston: L. C. Page & Co. Price 50 cents each.

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Great Books as Life Teachers. By Newell Dwight Hillis. 339 pages, 12 mo. New York: Fleming H. Revell Co. Price \$1.50.

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Trooper Tales. By Will Levington Comfort. 284 pages, 12 mo. New York: Street & Smith. Price \$1.00.

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The Land of the Long Night. By Du Challu. 266 pages, 8 vo. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. Price \$2.00.

In a charmingly written introduction, the author addresses the young people for whom the book is written, explaining the scope of his book. It is of the people of the far North; of the Laplanders, the Norwegians and the Swedes. It is of their life, and the author's numerous adventures while among them, that he has written.

Very remarkable, even incredible, are some of his experiences as here recorded, but Paul DuChailu is an authority—one cannot dispute him. There would indeed be no good result were one rash enough to do so, for the book is fascinating and the world is very ungracious to the one who spoils its delusions.

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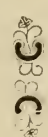
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Cash Capital,	\$4,000,000.00
Reserve, Re-Insurance (Fire),	3,202,547.53
Reserve, Re-Insurance (Inland),	76,307.29
Reserve, Unpaid Losses (Fire),	320,600.63
Reserve, Unpaid Losses (Inland),	91,032.70
Other Claims,	171,307.98
Net Surplus,	5,157,615.07
Total Assets,	\$13,019,411.20
Surplus as to Policy Holders,	\$9,157,615.07
Losses Paid in Eighty-One years: \$85,641,084.50.	

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OF THE

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JANUARY 1, 1900.

ASSETS.

Cash on hand, in Bank, and Cash Items.....	\$604,627 42
Cash in hands of Agents and in course of Transmission.....	1,196,413 81
Rents and Accrued Interest.....	36,192 25
Real Estate Unincumbered.....	811,000 00
Loans on Bond and Mortgage (1st lien).....	1,225,700 00
Loans on Collateral Security.....	14,800 00
Bank Stock, Hartford, Market Value.....	359,944 00
" New York, ".....	362,475 00
" Boston, ".....	69,599 25
" Albany and Montreal, ".....	87,733 33
Railroad Stocks.....	1,075,349 00
State, City, and Railroad Bonds.....	5,134,578 81
Other Assets.....	24,175 15

Total Assets.....\$11,002,588 02

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock.....	\$1,250,000 00
Reserve for Re-Insurance.....	5,286,799 62
Reserve for all Unsettled Claims.....	655,583 90
NET SURPLUS.....	3,810,204 50
Surplus to Policy-Holders.....	5,060,204 50

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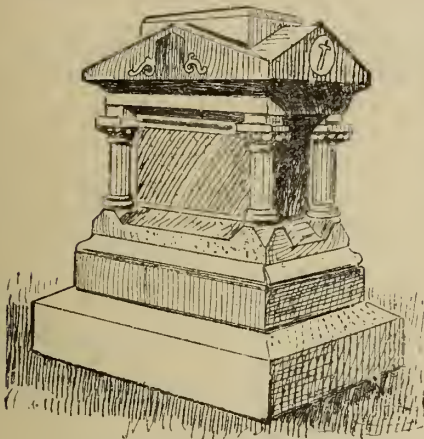
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January 1, 1900.

Assets, Jan. 1, 1900.....	\$52,850,299.90
Legal Reserve, 4% Standard, and all claims.....	45,764,084.04
Special Reserve, in addition to 4% Reserve.....	1,644,000.00
Surplus as to Policy-holders, Jan. 1, 1900.....	5,442,215.86
Payments to Policy-holders in 1899.....	5,089,955.70
Premium receipts in 1899..	7,123,651.54
Interest receipts in 1899...	2,395,073.27
Total receipts in 1899.....	9,518,724.75
Life Endowment, and Term Policies issued and revived in 1899, 13,212, insuring	24,494,545.00
Life, Endowment, and Term Insurance in force Jan. 1, 1900.....	168,449,790.00
Accident Insurance in force Jan. 1, 1900.....	135,807,470.00

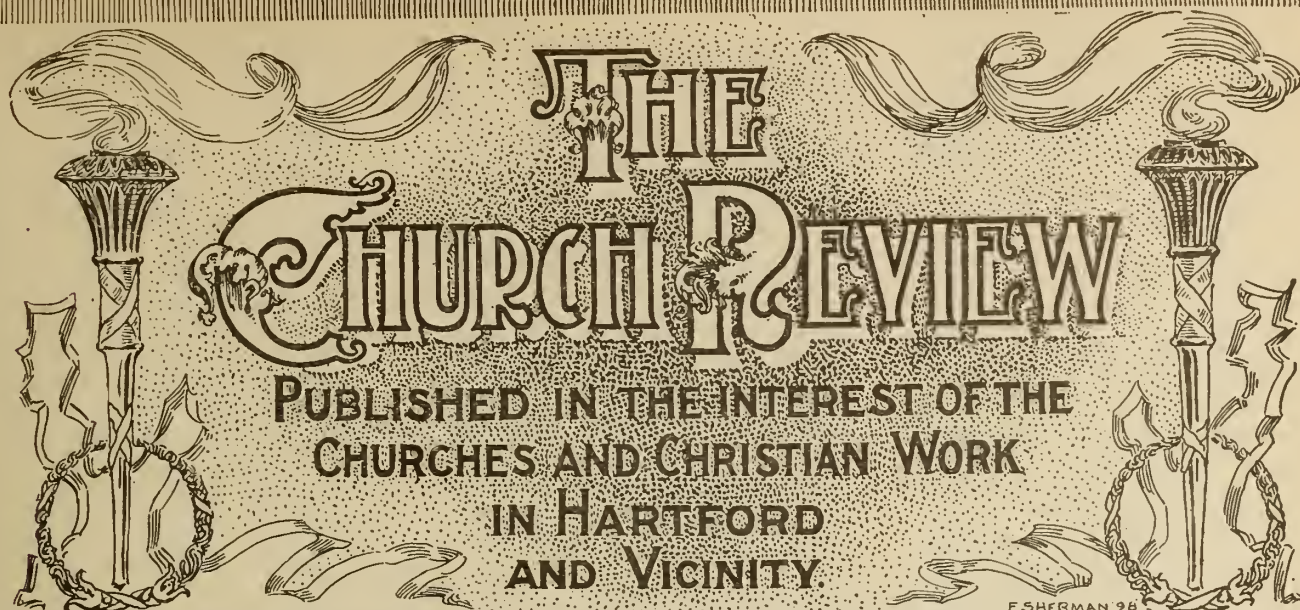
Paid Policy-Holders since organization,
\$114,593,414.72

Ætna Life's **GAINS IN 1899.**

New Premium Income....	\$196,179.06
Total Premium Income...	701,949.45
Assets.....	2,623,279.09
Life, Term, and Endowment Insurance Issued and Revived.....	2,515,361.50
Life, Term, and Endowment Insurance in force.	11,056,858.00
Accident and Health Insurance in force.....	25,946,350.00
Number of Policy Holders.	17,998

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LIVING WATERS.

There are some hearts like wells,
green-mossed and deep
As ever Summer saw;
And cool their water is,—yea, cool and
sweet;—

But you must come to draw.
They hoard not, yet they rest in calm
content,

And not unsought will give;
They can be quiet with their wealth
unspent,

So self-contained they live.

And there are some like springs, that
bubbling burst

To follow dusty ways,
And run with offered cup to quench his
thirst

Where the tired traveler strays;
That never ask the meadows if they
want

What is their joy to give;—
Unasked, their lives to other life they
grant,

So self-bestowed they live.

And One is like the ocean, deep and
wide,

Wherein all water fall;
That girdles the broad earth, and
draws the tide,

Feeding and bearing all;
That broods and mists, that sends the
clouds abroad,

That takes, again to give;—
Even the great and loving heart of
God,

Whereby all doth live.

CAROLINE S. SPENCER.

He who is much blessed should much
praise. We are to thank God for his
gifts to us, not only by the incense of
grateful hearts, but also by the honest
dedication of our powers to his service.

In the course of his long missionary
career in China, Dr. Griffith John has
baptized more than 4,000 converts.

Running in debt with no intention of
paying, is genteel stealing.

RECOLLECTIONS OF MR. MOODY'S VISIT TO HARTFORD.

Unexpectedly I am asked to write an
article on this subject. I must be par-
doned for wandering from it, for while
my recollection of Mr. Moody and of
his work here is clear and vivid, my
specific recollections of this, that, and
the other thing concerning him are not
so clear.

That entire revivalistic campaign,
of which he was the organizer and
conductor, and throughout which his
manifold power was manifested, is
vividly before my mind, but to de-
scribe his part in it is not easy, simply
because he was so great a part of it.
Everything seemed to move along in
the right way, and without friction, as
following his apparently unstudied
movements. The whole thing was
carefully planned and arranged, and
yet all the plans and arrangements
were so out of sight that few noticed
or thought of them.

A morning "council" was daily held
at which there was discussion or con-
sideration of ways and means and
methods, but no report of such con-
ferences was ever made public, and, as
a matter of fact, they were Mr.
Moody's means of harmonizing and
unifying a variety of views and opin-
ions and bringing them into sweet
subjection to his own ideas and wish-
es.

We ministers soon felt his masterly
organizing power, and we felt, at the
same time, his noble simplicity of
character and purpose, and his saving
common sense and wisdom. The con-
sequence was that, from first to last,
he had his own way in almost every-
thing, as by common consent and con-
fidence, and his way was the best way.
Things went on smoothly and success-
fully in that way of his.

I recollect, too, with what consum-
mate skill and tact, and with what
kindly humor, he disarmed criti-
cisms, and resolved difficulties, and
made petty things yield to important
things, and melted into one fervent
whole the heterogeneous individuali-
ties that surrounded him. Somehow
we all found ourselves sitting some-

where near his feet, in an atmosphere
that was pure and bracing.

He seemed to know little about mu-
sic, and to have little musical discrimi-
nation, and yet the famous great cho-
rus was his scheme, and its work was
as nicely adjusted to his discourses
and appeals, as if he were the conduc-
tor of the chorus.

I recollect how adroitly he steered
the whole enterprise, from day to day,
through the perils that beset it on
every side, perils from cranks, perils
from casuistry, perils from emotional,
excitements, and other perils.

I recollect how his powerful ser-
mons—the power of which one could
not easily analyze—all turned upon the
great and fundamental Gospel themes,
concerning which there was little or
no disagreement, and how persistently
he clung to those great fundamentals.
I recollect how impossible it was for
any one to patronize him, or to secure
from him any respect of persons. All
toadyism wilted in his presence. He
commanded an universal respect by
his own universal respect of great and
small, rich and poor, learned and ig-
norant.

I recollect how, like the Douglas of
old, he was "tender and true," a man
to whom men might open their inmost
souls in confession. In the inquiry
meetings he got at the secrets of men's
hearts, without in the least trying to
do so, and from the disclosures thus
made to him, he came to know what
was in men, and derived much that
made his preaching so searching and
effective. Many have endeavored to
explain Mr. Moody's power. It was
the power of a vigorous though some-
what uncultivated intellect. It was
the power of a great character. It was
the power of simplicity of aim and
purpose. It was the power of a great
human-heartedness, and of devotion
and consecration. It was the power of
a mighty faith in God, and in God's
truth and grace.

Yes; and so on, and so on. But one
great secret of his power has not been
much noticed by his analysts and eulo-
gists. Mr. Moody had an almost un-
bounded faith in himself! There was
not a particle of conceit or of arro-

gance in it. It was just that honest, modest, and yet strong and unfaltering selfconfidence, which ever characterizes the great leaders of men. It would have made him a decisive and eminent soldier. He came, he saw, he conquered. He never faltered, he seemed to intuitively discern the thing to be done, and the way to do it.

One other thing I recollect—a certain refinement of manner, of speech and of action. He could be colloquial without dealing in slang. He was dignified in his familiarity. In all his treatment of sacred truth, he kept up to the high level of its sacredness. The vulgarity of many "evangelists" was utterly foreign to his spiritual nature, to his human nature. He was simply incapable of such utterances as have recently been made by a revivalist in Brooklyn, and which disgrace the cause of Christ.

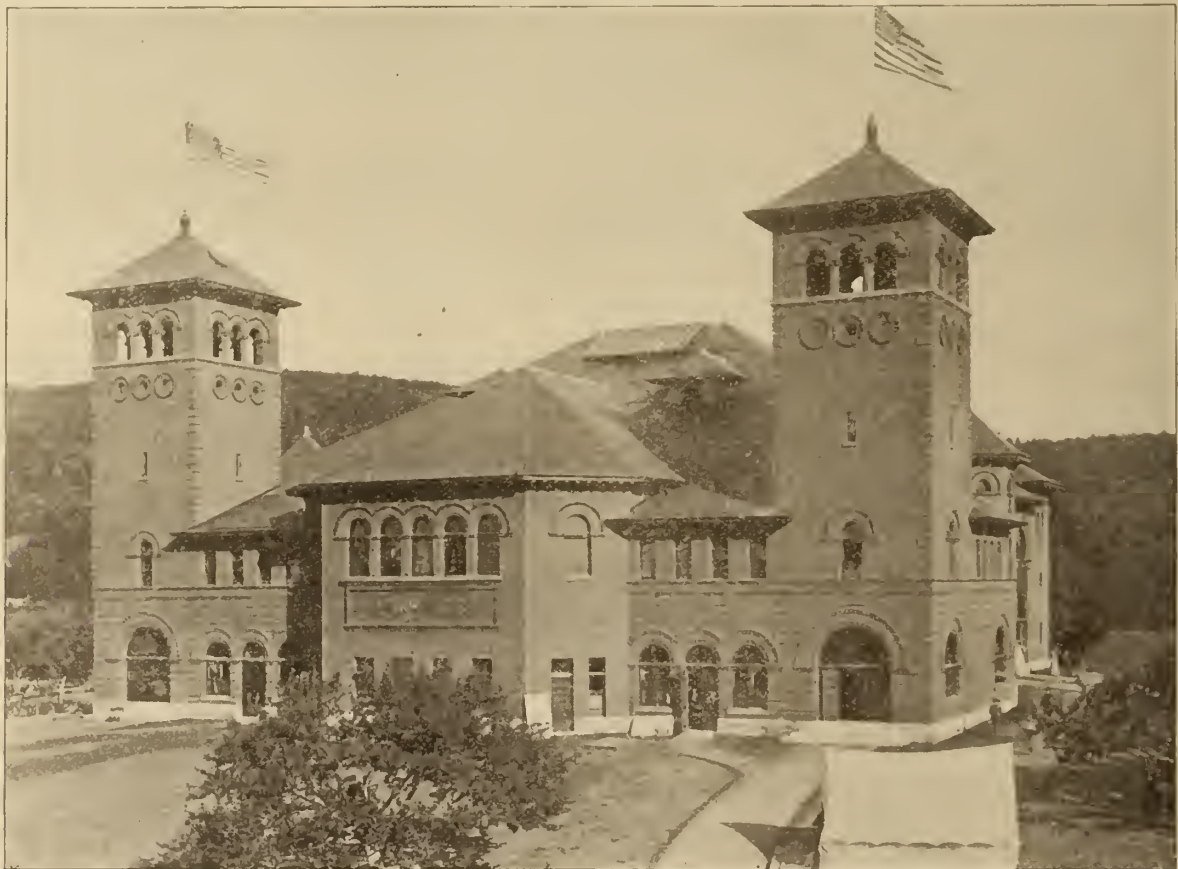
Let this suffice.

EDWIN P. PARKER.

them, and are gradually sinking into extreme poverty and degradation. An intelligent person who has had any experience in tenement house visiting, will not have been long in realizing the scope that this field offers for the highest powers of mind and heart, and will feel, at once, how worse than useless it is to leave it, as is too often the case, in the hands of benevolent and kind-hearted people, whose lack of judgment and intelligence makes their efforts vain and often productive of greater ills. Let us realize, then, that if good and not evil is to be accomplished by tenement house visiting, the visitor must be a person with judgment as well as a good heart. Perhaps the qualities most needed are prescience and courage. All reforms are slow, and none is so slow and uncertain as that of the human being. One of the great obstacles that one has to contend with in visiting is in one's self—a soul-deadening despair of ever

ground floor, or, if there is none, at the nearest grocery, or from a child on the street. If possible, always find out in some way just where you are going, so as to avoid getting into the wrong rooms or wandering about in dark halls. If one has no other pretext for calling, that of introducing some one of the numerous Savings Systems is a good one, although this is perhaps better for a second visit.

Make the children your friends by the gift of an orange or a plant, and talk to the mother about them; it is the quickest and surest way of gaining her confidence. Do not be discouraged by dirt and untidiness, and, above all, do not show it if you are. It often seems as if a woman who is at home almost all day might easily keep her couple of rooms clean and neat, but poor food and insufficient clothing do not produce energy, but rather the indifference of hopelessness. Of course, cleanliness is one of the most import-



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TENEMENT HOUSE VISITING.

By Helen Iselin.

In these days, when all branches of study and work are open to women, there is a tendency, natural and generally beneficial, to leave the old paths and follow the new, but there is also a danger in this that the most advanced advocates of women's rights must admit, the danger of leaving to the incompetent those branches of work for which women are alone pre-eminently fitted. One of the most important of these is that of aiding, by sympathy and advice, those who through circumstances or fault, have found the battle of life too hard for

accomplishing any thing, and this of course reacts and lessens one's power to do. Patient, untiring zeal, however, in time, will do what has seemed well-nigh impossible at first.

One often hears people say that they would be afraid to visit a family uninvited, for fear that they would not be well received, but this is very rarely the case. The life of a mother of a large family in a tenement, has too little variety for an outsider not to be welcomed as a diversion. The smallest pretext still serve as an introduction, and before leaving you will surely be asked to call again. If you do not know in what part of the house the family you are going to visit lives, inquire of the care-taker on the

ant habits to be taught, but it is a subject that must be approached indirectly and with infinite tact. No one likes to be told that he is dirty, even if he is so. A lack of intelligence and a lack of energy are the chief obstacles that you will have to encounter, and it is precisely these two deficiencies that the friendly visitor ought to supply.

Only to those who are possessed of the faith that removes mountains, belongs the power of reclaiming from evil the full grown man or woman, but the work of reformation is not what is expected of the ordinary visitor and is not, by any means, what is generally needed. A friend who will stir up the imagination, rouse the energies of their inert bodies, and raise a little

hope in their inert souls,—inert, the one for lack of physical food, the other for lack of mental and spiritual food, such a friend is what the tenement house-dwellers of our large cities need. When once this is done, every thing else will be easy; the little, practical every-day expedients of housekeeping, which seem almost too much a matter of course to be spoken about, but which are almost unknown in tenements, will be kindly received, even if it takes times for them to become habits. Food that is inexpensive but nourishing, simple, wholesome ways of cooking it, ordinary sanitary precautions, such as proper ventilation, the evils of the whole family sleeping together in one small room, often in one bed,—are all evils which can be remedied with little or no expense, and which open the way to almost endless work for the visitor. Then much can be done for, and with, the children. If the mother goes out to work during the day, see that the little children are sent to day nurseries, and not left alone at home, under the care of a child not old enough to look after herself. In any case the children, so soon as possible, should be sent to a kindergarten, and from there to the public schools. When old enough to work, see that they are put to learn a trade where there is some chance of their rising, not sent to work for a mere pittance at something which will be of no use to them when they grow older. Send them to sewing school, and to the Sunday school of the church where they belong, but to which they seldom go. Try to provide innocent amusements for the growing boys and girls; take them to boys' and girls' clubs, or get them interested in the guilds or societies which exist in almost all churches. Above all things bear in mind the importance of not injuring their self-respect or independence, and treat them as if they had these qualities even if they have them not. If pecuniary help must be given, do not let it come through the visitor, as it will greatly impair her usefulness as a friend, but through some church or society. Help can usually be given in the way of work, which is better in every respect.

The cure for social ills, such as these, has yet to be found, but in the meantime women have a work ever ready for them, a work worthy of their highest ambition and their greatest intellect. If we are moved by no other motive, self-preservation alone should warn us of the necessity of doing our part toward bettering those conditions with which those of us who live in large cities cannot fail to be familiar. The field is limitless and the need is great.

The Chautauqua.

THE MEXICAN MISSION FIELD.

GUADALAJARA.

By Rev. K. J. Yearwood, Guadalajara, Mexico.

Guadalajara, the "Athens of Mexico" and the "Pearl of the West," is, next to Mexico City, the most important town of the republic. It is the capital of the state of Jalisco, with a population of ninety thousand souls, and was founded in the year 1541. It is situated in the middle of an extensive plain three hundred and eighty-one miles from the City of Mexico. Guadalajara and the surrounding country

are being rapidly developed, and foreign capital is figuring largely in new enterprises. Good opportunities for investments, coupled with a superb climate, are inducements not to be despised by an American, and consequently the foreign population is ever on the increase. Built five thousand feet above sea level, and situated in latitude 20 degrees 40 minutes north, microbes have a hard struggle for existence, and invalids from all parts of the continent are seeking this great health resort. Flowers and fruit are on sale during twelve months of the year, and the shrubs and plants on the plazas are ever green.

Our city was the capital of the province known as New Galicia while the viceroys of Spain were in power. During the wars of the Reformation the right of Benito Juarez to the presidency was disputed by the Conservatives or Church party. The Liberals engaged the Conservatives in battle, and were defeated in the interior. When the news reached this city, Col.

and he is desirous to know from which window the brother-in-law of Herrera y Cairo hanged the murderers of Cairo. Herrera y Cairo was once upon a time Governor of Jalisco. While on a visit to his hacienda, in the vicinity of Ahualulco, he was seized, brought to the town of Ahualulco, and assassinated by the Conservatives opposite the house which is now the property of the M. E. church, South, and used for religious services. His body was carried into the building, and friends watched over it that night. When his brother-in-law, a wealthy farmer, was advised of Cairo's death he mustered his peones, or laborers, organized them into a regiment, attacked and routed the Conservatives, captured the colonel and another officer, who had assassinated his brother-in-law, and hanged them to the bars of a window in the Arzobispado. It is said that the archbishop was notified that if another assassination of that kind occurred they intended to deal in like manner with a certain "santo" behind the palace walls.



THE CATHEDRAL, GUADALAJARA.

Antonio Lauda, the commander of the Liberal forces in Guadalajara, revolted, and dispatched a regiment to capture and put to death Juarez and his ministers, who were in the Palacio del Gobierno, or capitol. They were surprised and taken prisoners before they were cognizant of Lauda's intention. The commanding officer told Juarez that his instructions were to shoot him. The President replied: "I have been surprised, and I am powerless." He then stepped forward, prepared to die. The soldiers leveled their rifles at his body, but in an instant Guillermo Prieto, Mexico's poet and historian, threw himself between the President and the guard and pleaded in a most eloquent address for "liberty" and for the representatives of their cause. Not only was he instrumental in saving the reformer's life, but the men shouldered arms, saluted, and went over to Juarez. Prieto's oration on the occasion is pronounced one of the most eloquent speeches of his life, and yet he affirmed that he could not recollect the language used and the arguments advanced by him on that memorable day.

Guadalajara is the see of an archbishop, and as one examines the prelate's palace his curiosity is awakened

The cathedral church of the archbishop is an imposing structure in the center of the city. Work on the foundation was commenced in 1561, and Bishop Ayola laid the corner stone in 1571. The cathedral proper was completed in the year 1618. Verily a long time to wait, but it was well worth the waiting. Romanists lay their plans for years to come, and every man labors with a definite object before him, each one adding to, not disfiguring, the work of his predecessors. Can we not learn a lesson from them. The tall cathedral towers, which are seen for some distance before reaching the city, were thrown down by the earthquake of 1818. The paintings in this edifice are really artistic. Among the most celebrated is Murillo's "Immaculate Conception," which hangs in the sacristy.

El Teatro Degollado, which is considered one of the largest theaters on this continent, was opened in 1866. It was originally a part of the San Agustín Monastery, but was confiscated by the Liberal government.

In the western section of the city which is claimed to be one of the healthiest portions of Guadalajara, the State penitentiary is located. When we last visited it there were sixteen

hundred prisoners confined within its walls. There are separate wards and patios for men and women. Under the same roof there is a reformatory for boys. We were agreeably surprised to find only thirty-two lads in this institution. Men and boys are given an education and taught a trade. The amount raised by the sale of articles manufactured by the convicts during the hours of labor, as required by the regulations, is applied toward current expenses. If, however, a prisoner makes an article during his spare hours, he is allowed to sell it and appropriate the proceeds. The cells are well lighted and ventilated, and the prisoner's friends are at liberty to furnish his room as comfortably as they please. The sanitary conditions are infinitely superior to those of the poor Mexican's home.

There are said to be over thirty Romish temples in Guadalajara. The evangelical churches are doing good work. The Methodists, Congregationalists, Baptists, and Adventists have missions in the city. The two first-named denominations own church edifices, but the Congregational building is the only one which deserves men-

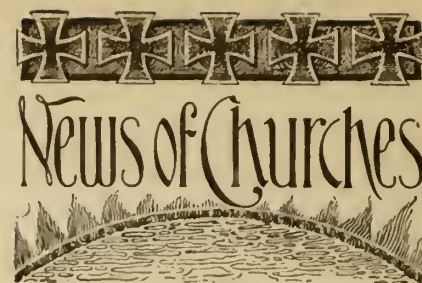
OPEN HEARTH.

The meetings this month are as usual fully attended, and hardly an evening passes without a number professing their good intentions for the future. Superintendent Miller is unwearied in the work and every morning between 9 and 11 o'clock receives all who call at his office for counsel and advice.

The reading room is fully appreciated, with its warmth, and stock of good reading matter, and serves to keep many from the saloons and gives them a chance to rest both body and mind.

A new feature has been added to the wood yard, by the introduction of motor power for sawing wood, thus allowing the use of the men at splitting only. It is expected our citizens will fully appreciate this and by their increased patronage allow our superintendent to help more of those out of employment, giving them a chance to earn their board and lodging, by working in the wood yard.

Most of the persons who seek the aid of the Open Hearth this season, are of a class who only need a few



ST. JAMES CHURCH.

The Parish receptions are proving quite attractive, filling the Parish room.

The enlarged chancel nearly doubles the capacity of the choir.

The Sunday School continues to grow in proof of the faithfulness of the Parish Visitor. Twenty-one were confirmed at Bishop Brewster's visitation.

WETHERSFIELD METHODIST.

The Epworth League gave a very successful entertainment at Grange Hall Jan. 31st, the League realized about thirty-five (\$35) dollars.

The church is wired for electric lights, and they will be ready for use on the 18th. We will have a special praise service on that evening.

KING'S DAUGHTERS, CHAPTER HOUSE, PROSPECT AVENUE.

The Chapter House is certainly keeping up the lively pace with which the season started.

The Sunday School had its annual visit from Santa Claus, and the little ones were of course made happy, no less by his jolly stories and jokes than by the wonderful tree that had bloomed out over night with bright, glistening fruit and interesting packages.

Hardly were these holiday festivities a thing of the past when the senior circle of King's Daughters were busy arranging a cake and pie sale for the benefit of a poor unfortunate child. The proceeds tided the little boy over a hard place, and now we are glad to report that a good Christian home has been found for the little fellow.

The latter part of January a Sunday School social was given for the upper classes, parents and teachers and Home Department. A very pleasant evening resulted with games, music and light refreshments following.

For some time past, whenever a social or reception was held at the Chapter House the need has been felt of having a sufficient number of cups and spoons. The King's Daughters have solved this difficulty in a most pleasing way. A social was given by the Junior circle, invitations being sent to both circles asking that each member bring a cup and saucer and spoon. A nice little program of music and recitations was arranged and the tea tables set with every thing except what the invitations had asked for. These were not long lacking and the girls are delighted with their newly acquired possessions which came into use the very next week at the box-packing.

The Chapter House King's Daughters



DECOLADA THEATER, GUADALAJARA.

tion, for the Methodist property is in such a dilapidated condition that it is liable to fall at any moment. If it has not already done so, it is only because it has not yet made up its mind on which side to fall.

The outlook in this portion of the mission field is encouraging. With systematic effort on the part of the church we can go on to victory in the name of the Lord.

—The Review of Missions.

Lord Orford was invited to become president of the Norwich Bible Society—an application from which he thought his well known character should have exempted him. He replied: "I have long been addicted to the gaming table. I have lately taken to the turf. I fear I frequently blaspheme. But I have never distributed religious tracts. All this was known to you and your society, notwithstanding which you think me a fit person to be your president. God forgive your hypocrisy."—From Sir Algernon West's "Recollections."

days help and then seek and find employment.

The work of the mission is constantly increasing and commending itself to all our citizens.

"I drink to make me work," said a young man. To which an old man replied: "That's right, thee drink and it will make thee work! Harken to me a moment, and I'll tell thee something that may do thee good. I was once a prosperous farmer. I had a good, loving wife, and two fine lads as ever the sun shone on. We had a comfortable home, and lived happy together. But we used to drink to make us work. Those two lads I have laid in drunkard's graves. My wife went broken hearted, and she now lies by her two sons. I am 72 years old. Had it not been for drink I might now have been an independent gentleman; but I used to drink to make me work, and, mark! it makes me work now. At 72 years of age I am compelled to work for my daily bread. Drink, drink, and it will make thee work."—Selected.



invited the city circles to join with them in packing a box to send to Mrs. Ballington Booth for her work, and a most hearty response was made by the circles, so that four barrels filled with not only partly worn clothing, but in many cases new articles of wearing apparel and useful things for the home, were sent to be distributed among the needy and distressed families of prisoners with whom Mrs. Booth comes in contact in her work in the different prisons. Rev. Dr. Stone gave a short address which was warmly welcomed by an enthusiastic audience, and a few numbers of music by different members of the circle preceded a social chat over the teacups.

FIRST BAPTIST.

The Young Men's League banquet was held on February 14th, when one of the most interesting programs of the winter was followed. The funeral of Edward Habenstein, Jr., in whom the League lost a constant and interested member, was attended by several of the members as representatives. The League sent a floral chaplet.

A recent census tells us that we have seventeen distinct organizations in our church.

The pastor and his wife gave a reception recently to Miss Cora B. Smith, the assistant pastor, whose faithful and earnest services have made her many friends in the church.

Our church recently raised \$12,000 for expenses and projected improvement in the line of our church work.

On Tuesday evening the "Tuesday Club" gave a musicale for the benefit of the proposed Connecticut Lodge at Northfield. It was well attended.

NEW BRITAIN AVE. SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION.

Since our last report we have had some "Red Letter Days." January 21st we had our largest attendance, there being 183 present. The largest number known to be at any regular school session.

The question of more chairs is being discussed by the officers and teachers, and from the outlook the demand will soon be met.

The King's Daughters have very generously presented the school with ten dollars (\$10), and the Ladies' Aid society is soon to give an entertainment in the form of "An Old Fashioned Supper" in order to help raise the necessary funds.

The children of the school have been gathering pennies to send to the Mount Carmel home. The result is they will send this week \$3.60.

The Blossom Band, the youngest workers in the Mission (of whom Miss Whitaker has charge) is working bravely to do what they can for the children of India. They have pledged themselves to support one child at least, which means fifteen dollars a year for this little band to earn.

January 28th we had the pleasure of hearing Professor Gillette of the Theological seminary. His was a strong discourse and greatly enjoyed.

February 11th Mrs. Henry Gillette told some stories of his Heart to Heart

and Hand to Hand work among the poor. His home thrusts on self righteousness can not soon be forgotten. The mission feel that they are greatly indebted to these and many others who so willingly give their time and services Sunday evenings to the work.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL, EAST HARTFORD.

There were three members added to the Christian Endeavor society at last consecration meeting.

A union meeting of the Junior and Senior Endeavor societies was held February 11th, led by the pastor. There was a large attendance. The Junior society is in a very live condition as was evidenced on that occasion.

The Bible class which has been under Mr. Kilbourne's direction for so many years is now conducted by the pastor.

UNITY CHURCH.

A church supper was given in the parlors of the church January 25, under the direction of the hospitality committee, Mr. Honiss, Mrs. Husband and Miss Reardon. It was very successful over one hundred and sixty tickets being sold. This is the first of a series of three entertainments to be given by the committee.

The regular Sunday school social was held Friday, January 26th. Supper was served at six, and the regular entertainment was given.

Mr. Waite's class listened to a remarkably fine paper January 21st, by Mr. De Salvio on Mazzini, the great Italian reformer and leader.

February 4th and 11th Mr. Waite addressed his class on John Ruskin, reading also from "Sesame and Lilies."

The Woman's Alliance and the Charitable society have held their regular meetings.

The executive meeting of the Unity Social club met January 27th to discuss plans for the next meeting of the club, but no definite action was decided upon.

TRINITY CHURCH.

A large number attended the social on the 31st, ult. at which Mrs. Chapman rendered several vocal selections, and Miss Wescott with the violin, and Mrs. Harrington on the piano, added some delightful music.

Bishop Hare recently addressed the Sunday school, telling of his work among the Indians of the Northwest.

Our assistant superintendent, Mr. Rees, has returned from his business trip through the south, after an absence of four weeks, and took charge again last Sunday, the 11th inst. While on his trip he visited five Sunday schools in four Sundays and has brought home some new ideas, which we soon hope to put into execution.

The Children of the King recently held a sale of useful and fancy articles, cake and candy, in the Parish room, at which the Trinity College Banjo club rendered some enjoyable music.

Thursday, February 15th, will be held the regular monthly meeting of the Young People's club. The sub-

ject for consideration and discussion will be "The Observance and Use of Lent."

Some very interesting letters have been received from some of Bishop Hare's little Indian children, thanking us for the presents sent them at Christmas time.

The Sunday school offering for the Noank Mission amounted to over \$51 and for the Free Cot Fund over \$25.

SOUTH BAPTIST.

By request of our State C. E. Supt. of Prison Work, Hon. E. M. Warner, next Sunday, February 18th, will be given to the consideration of the need of a reformatory in our state. In the morning our pastor will preach on the subject and the Y. P. society will further consider it in the evening. We hope to awaken a lasting interest in this matter.

Next Sunday evening will begin a series of sermons, which will be of interest to all, on these topics: Why I am an Episcopalian; Why I am a Presbyterian, etc. We feel assured they will be of profit to all who attend.

The many friends of Miss Lucy Oliver Thatcher, of Boston will be pleased to learn that she, in company with Mrs. Nellie Carey Reynolds, soloist, will give an entertainment in our chapel on Friday evening the 23d. inst.

The choir of the church feel much indebted to the society's committee for the cordiality expressed by them in the very bountiful repast of last Wednesday evening.

The Junior and Senior societies held a union meeting Sunday evening and it was very helpful to all present.

On the first Sunday of the month three Juniors were received into the church.

WINDSOR CONGREGATIONAL.

The Y. P. S. C. E. have elected the following officers:

President—Miss Nellie Borden.
Vice President—Mr. Samuel Cooley.
Cor. Secy.—Miss Clara Bedortha.
Rec. Secy.—Miss Lillian White.
Treas.—Mr. Herbert Strickland.

The society has contributed \$10 to the Alaska mission. They observed Christian Endeavor day, February 4th by using the exercises printed by the United Society. In connection with their temperance meeting February 18th, they are to remember the prisoners of the commonwealth in accordance with the request of the State Union. February 25th they expect two students, members of the Hosmer Hall Mission Band to speak on organization for mission work.

After the Endeavor meeting January 27th, Mr. Benson of eastern Alabama spoke to us very interestingly about his school and the condition and needs of the colored people in the rural districts of that section.

Our church prayer meeting Thursday evening, February 15th will be conducted by the ladies missionary society. Subject, "Old and New Japan."

Wednesday evening, February 7th, our pastor Rev. Roscoe Nelson gave, in the chapel, his lecture, "What Holland did for the Puritans." He spoke

graphically of the spirit of liberty which animated the Dutch people in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries and showed that their progressive ideas had more influence in the formation of our own institutions than is generally known.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

A season of prayer was observed at the church during the week of January 28th to February 3d. Monday, Tuesday, and Friday evenings, followed by the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at the Morning service Sunday, February 4th. The Rev. Mr. Davenport of Bridgeport and the Rev. Mr. Wallace of Thompsonville, assisted at these services. There was an average attendance each evening.

Two Missionary services have been held later. Miss Peterie, secretary of the Juvenile work of the Home Mission board spoke January 25th, and Mrs. Knox, representing the Foreign Mission board, February 7th. Both ladies were much appreciated and stimulated a new interest on behalf of their work. A missionary tea was given at the close of each meeting, the Ladies' Aid society presiding and making all arrangements.

The Young People's society held an entertainment in the church parlors Friday evening, January 19th. The program consisted of songs, quartettes, readings, etc. Quite a sum was realized, which goes towards the amount pledged by the society, for removing the debt of the church.

Another entertainment after the same order will be given Friday evening, February 23d.

It is with feelings of sympathy that we make mention of the long illness of Mr. Geo. B. Dicks, the organist of the church. Mr. Dicks was taken down with malarial trouble, previous to Christmas. His recovery has been very slow, his case being still serious.

The attendance of the Sunday school increases somewhat. A class of young men with Mr. H. C. Condict as teacher, has been added, and is proving helpful to the school. Mr. Davis from the Theological seminary has united with the school and taken charge of a class of young ladies.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH.

The Rev. Mr. Wiel of Trinity church preached on Sunday January 14th and Rev. Mr. Smith of St. Gabriel's, East Berlin, January 28th in exchange with the rector.

Bishop Brewster expects to visit this parish for confirmation on the evening of the second Sunday in Lent, March 11th. Mr. Warner is now having confirmation lectures at the Sunday evening services.

The Young People's club is rehearsing for "Mrs. Jarley's Wax Works," which will be given in the Parish hall, Tuesday evening, February 20th, the proceeds to be used to help pay for the walk and driveway built last fall.

SECOND ADVENT.

Rev. W. N. Tenney of Swampscott, Mass., was present at our Loyal Workers' meeting Tuesday evening, February 6th, and we enjoyed a sermon illustrated, as his custom is, with crayon

and blackboard.

Sunday, February 11th Rev. Geo. L. Teeple, the father of our pastor, was with us, and gave us two earnest sermons.

The topic for our Loyal Workers meeting Tuesday evening February 14th was "Are we living up to our privileges?" A very momentous question. A good attendance and earnest consideration of the subject marked the service.

OLIVET BAPTIST.

The attendance at our services has been gradually on the increase. Our Sunday school is also steadily improving. The attendance for February 4th of the Sunday school was one hundred and five and February 11th, one hundred and eleven. We have great reason to thank our Father for the benefits which we have received from his hand. Some have also become interested concerning their soul's welfare, and we hope that in the next number of our paper we may be able to report conversions.

ASYLUM HILL CONGREGATIONAL.

The Teachers' club met Monday, January 29, in the parlors. After a 6 o'clock supper a most interesting talk was given by Prof. A. T. Perry, on the subject, "Christian Missions a power in the World." This was followed by an informal discussion on the same theme.

The entertainment committee of the church have in preparation three entertainments, the proceeds from which are to be towards the fund for a parish house. The need of such a building is felt more and more. All who would like to aid such a project are cordially invited to patronize these entertainments.

GREENWOOD CONGREGATIONAL.

Miss Camp, secretary of the Hartford union addressed the missionary meeting of the Ladies' society, February 2. Her address was very interesting.

On February 4th we had the pleasure of listening to Rev. A. C. Ferrin of Blanford, Mass., with whom our pastor exchanged for that date.

February 6th the trustees gave a concert including vocal and instrumental music, also a "talk" on "Kipling" by Rev. A. C. Ferrin. It was very enjoyable.

An address was given on Friday evening, February 16th, at 7:30 by Mrs. Stillman, president of the Primary union, the occasion being an invitation given to mothers, by the Primary department. Mrs. Stillman's subject was, "How a Mother Can Help Sunday School Teachers."

There was also a short exercise by the children, followed by light refreshments.

The trustees held their monthly meeting February 5th, at which time some important business was transacted.

Mrs. Joel B. Sexton has been ill quite a while. We hope to see her about soon.

Mr. Chas. F. Schmelz (now of New York city) visited us on February 11th. It looked natural to see him in his old place in the choir.

For the benefit of any who do not know it, we desire to inform them that we hold services every Sunday night, and most cordially invite all to come and worship with us.

We held a song service Sunday, February 11th, at 6:30 p. m. Many attended and it is hoped the number may increase. It is our intention to form a young people's society in the near future.

Our pastor read about the proposed "Federation of Churches" on February 11th. We hope this will come about, as little can be done for the salvation of our city until the "Churches of Christ" combine. The "Devil" is always busy keeping the liquor saloon open every day from 6:00 a. m. to 12:00 p. m. Our churches are open Sundays from 10:30 a. m. to 12:30 and from 7:30 to 8:30 p. m. Also for an hour one day during the week. We are always complaining of the great amount of sin surrounding us, and this we believe is the cause. May our churches be open more. We pray that God will bless this new movement and make a success of it.

HOCKANUM CONGREGATIONAL.

The first Sunday evening in January, a union meeting was held with the Juniors. Miss Florence Wadsworth graduated from the Junior to the Young People's society. Short addresses were made by members of both societies.

The first of January about thirty-five new books were added to the Sunday school library.

At a social held recently different members of the society told "Why They Were Never Married." The proceeds were used to purchase a new stove for the audience room.

In the near future four young ladies are to give the drama, "The Burg'arm Alarm."

Christian Endeavor day exercises were postponed one week, Rev. F. E. Clark's program, "Things That Endure," was used.

WETHERSFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

Since the first of the year we have been trying to awaken an interest in the Sabbath school. We see quite a number of new faces. A class of young men has been formed with Deacon Lovage as teacher, and we see a noticeable increase in the Bible class. Largely through the efforts of our assistant superintendent, Miss Elizabeth B. Clark, a Home department has been organized now numbering 150.

This month we hope to raise \$100 for the famine sufferers of India.

Rev. Geo. L. Clark has been supplying our pulpit most of the time for several months, very acceptably. He has been especially helpful in conducting our church prayer meetings.

An effort is being made to have every member of the church assist in reducing the debt on our church by laying aside certain sums regularly and submitting the whole into the treasury at the close of the year.

The saloon should be attacked on the ground of patriotism as well as of religion.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEP-
HERD.

Sunday, Feb. 4th, the Rev. Mr. Spurr preached an interesting sermon, and spoke of his work in Moundsville, W. Va., He has established a Hospital, Institute and Kindergarten for the poorer classes. He is deeply interested in his work and the congregation were edified and in sympathy with his work.

The Men's League held their February meeting, Thursday the 8th. Mr. Nairn gave Southern dialect stories in his usual happy style. They were greatly enjoyed. Mr. Bullard sang a few numbers. His rich bass voice was heard to good advantage. The Daughters of the King furnished the lunch. Tables were set with good things to eat and tastefully arranged with flowers.

At the March meeting the Rev. Mr. Liles will give his talk on John Brown. A full attendance of the members is desired.

The Daughters of the King have increased their membership quite a little of late.

Members of the Men's League have about completed a handicap tournament at the Bowling alleys of the Memorial House. Three prizes are to be awarded for the highest averages.

ASYLUM AVENUE BAPTIST.

Charles Edward Prior, who has been superintendent of the Sunday school and president of the Christian Endeavor society of the church during the last four years, has resigned both offices. The Sunday school, through the pastor, presented to its retiring superintendent Sunday two beautiful books by Henry Van Dyke, "Little Rivers" and "Fisherman's Luck." The Christian Endeavor society passed the following resolutions:

"Whereas, in the judgment of our president, Charles Edward Prior, the time has come when the position of president should be held by another, therefore

"Resolved, that we, the Christian Endeavor society of the Asylum Avenue Baptist church, extend to him an expression of our love, and an appreciation of his labor in organizing the society, and of his long and faithful service as its president.

"Resolved, That while we reluctantly acquiesce in this change of relationship, we welcome him to the rank and file of our society with the same hearty hand grasp he has ever given us; knowing that the initials "C. E. P." will stand for the oneness of Charles Edward Prior and Christian Endeavor Principles wherever his lot is cast. By his untiring efforts to build up the society and by the example of his own life, we have been stimulated to greater spiritual growth and to the more faithful keeping of our Christian Endeavor pledge.

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to Mr. Prior and that they be placed upon the records of the society."

The new officers of our society of Christian Endeavor are as follows:

President—Howard H. Burdick.

Vice President—E. Louise Barrows.

Recording Secretary—Mary P. McClay.

Corresponding Secretary—Emma E. Campbell.

Treasurer—Mrs. Lizzie P. McClay.
Our Sunday school has chosen these officers:

Superintendent—David G. Smyth.
Assistant Superintendent—A. Spencer, Jr.

Secretary and Treasurer—W. J. Tuller.

Librarian—Charles Edw. Prior, Jr.
Assistant Librarian—Charles Cameron.

Sup't Primary Dep't—Mrs. D. G. Smyth.

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH.

The new series of Sunday school lessons on the "International" course on the life of Christ has awakened great interest among the teachers in our Sunday school and Dr. Parker has arranged for the midweek meeting each Thursday to be devoted to the consideration of the lesson for the following Sunday. Mr. H. C. Ide of the Theological seminary will assist the pastor. The meetings are quite informal and much appreciated both by teachers and others, and are by no means confined to members of our congregation as visitors will be cordially welcomed.

The class in the study of foreign missions has completed the course on Japan and will now turn the attention to India. The next meeting will be held with the Misses Hills, 47 Main street, Monday evening, February 19.

The Young People's Meeting on January 21 was a "missionary meeting," the subject being "The Beginning of the Modern Missionary Movement" and it was continued on the following Sunday and proved of great interest.

February 4th the Young People's meeting was given up to the King's Daughters and six circles made reports of their work. February 11th the subject was "Seek First the Kingdom of God."

The annual meeting of the church was held February 1st and resulted in the re-election of the church committee and with one exception the officers. Mr. J. H. Knight declined reelection as auditor and Mr. John T. Robinson succeeded him.

Practically all the officers of the Sunday School were re-elected at its annual meeting.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST.

During the past two weeks, meetings have been held each evening, except Saturday. The pastor has been assisted by Dr. Stone, Rev. Mr. Cornell and Rev. Mr. Hands on some of these evenings. The B. Y. P. U. meetings for several weeks have also been addressed by outside speakers.

The social committee of the B. Y. P. U. arranged for a "Valentine Social" on the evening of February 14th.

For February 23rd the Piano committee have planned a musical entertainment, the admission to this being as many pennies as one is years old.

There has been much illness among our people. Several of the principal workers among the young people have been laid aside for months and we miss them greatly.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The past month has shown an increased social and religious interest in our association work.

Mr. W. I. Twitchell gave a very interesting address before the "Good Government club" on Friday evening, February 2d. At the next meeting February 16th, the members will discuss England's present attitude towards the Boers of South Africa.

The Trinity College Glee and Mandolin club entertained a large and appreciative audience at the members' entertainment Friday evening, February 9th. The program was varied and well rendered.

Our reception committee is making arrangements for a reception which will be given to the young people's societies of the city on Wednesday evening, February 21st. The various societies are well represented in our membership and we trust that they will take a special interest in extending the invitation and giving our friends a royal welcome.

Dr. Ballantine's Bible class commenced its second term's study with an increased attendance. The class meets every Friday evening at 7 o'clock and a cordial invitation is extended to all who wish to profit by spending an hour each week studying the Gospel of Matthew.

A large audience of men were present to hear the very able address by Dr. Lyman B. Sperry, of Ohio, Sunday, February 11th.

Dr. C. H. Mead of New York city, the eminent temperance lecturer will address our men's meeting at 3:45 Sunday afternoon February 18th. On the following Sunday, February 25th, Miss Sara Wray will speak. This is the first of a special series of meetings which will be conducted by Miss Wray. The others will be held each evening at 7:30 from February 26th to March 3. It is hoped that a large number will be especially interested, to attend and invite others to be present at these meetings. The following testimonial will give a better conception of her work and power:

THE SHELTER FOR WOMEN.

The work at the "Shelter" has been going on steadily, and many girls have been helped in various ways.

We have had fifteen girls as members of our family in the past month, also thirteen lodgers.

Some girls have been placed in situations others have returned to their homes. We have letters from the mothers or friends of some of the girls whom we have had the privilege of helping, thanking us for the interest taken in them.

The girls when not engaged in the work of the house, have made aprons, cleaned and repaired clothing for the "Bureau" and have also made rugs.

A number of students from the seminary have visited our Home, and a Miss Morse conducted our Thursday morning meeting two weeks ago.

A number of the young ladies from the First Methodist church, spent an evening with us recently and furnished quite a pleasing entertainment.

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MOODY MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT.

At a meeting of Mr. Moody's friends held in Northfield on the evening of his funeral it was resolved that a statement regarding the institutions founded by him be given to the public.

These institutions are unique in character, and offer an unequalled opportunity for young men and women of limited means to secure an education that will thoroughly equip them for Christian life and service.

They consist of the Northfield Seminary and Training School for young women, Mount Hermon School for young men, and the Bible Institute, Chicago. All are incorporated.

The Northfield plant consists of about 1,200 acres of land and about thirty buildings, beautifully situated and excellently equipped. With present endowment it is valued at one and a quarter millions, and is practically free from debt. At Chicago the buildings, land and endowment exceed \$250,000 in value.

The Northfield Schools have about 400 students each, who are charged \$100 per annum for board and tuition. The actual cost is about \$200. At Chicago the amount required approximates \$150 each for 300 students.

In brief, therefore, a sum of about \$125,000 is annually required to maintain the work inaugurated by Mr. Moody on the principles successfully pursued for the past twenty years.

This sum has heretofore been largely raised by his personal efforts, but it is hoped that his friends will now wish to express their appreciation of him and their gratitude to God for his accomplished work by sharing responsibilities bequeathed by him, by raising the present limited endowment to \$3,000,000, the interest on which, at four per cent, would guarantee the perpetuation of his work in all its present prosper-

ity. Such an endowment would be a monument to his memory more enduring than brass or marble, and just such a memorial as he himself would have most desired.

AN APPEAL TO TRUTH.

In June, 1899, Dr. W. O. Atwater, of the Wesleyan University, gave a report before the Middletown Scientific Association, of some experiments performed under his direction to ascertain the nutritive value of alcohol. Briefly stated, his experiments as far as reported consisted in confining a man in an air-tight metal chamber from four to six days, during which time carefully measured supplies of food, air and alcohol were given him and the total products in heat and energy were measured.

After giving his account of these experiments and their results, Professor Atwater charged that the pulpit, platform, Sunday School and public schools are in error in teaching that alcohol is a poison and not a food.

Abstracts of his report were sent broadcast to the newspapers of the country, and when published were often accompanied by editorial interpretation or opinion to the effect that Professor Atwater had proved alcohol to be as much a food as sugar or starch, and that a man may safely drink the equivalent of two and one-half ounces of alcohol or three glasses of whiskey per day.

The false idea that alcohol is a food that nourishes without injuring the body is a contributing cause to the ruin wrought by drunkenness.

To spread this idea broadcast to the people, who may not be able to detect its fallacies, and thus may be encouraged in the use of alcoholic drinks, is a crime against human welfare.

The campaign use made of the Middletown experiments led to the formation of a committee from the Northfield Conference of Christian Workers, August 11, 1899, "to meet this most recent attack upon the cause of temperance." National temperance committees of great religious denominations, national temperance societies and others join the Northfield Committee in presenting to the public a study of the whole subject entitled, "An Appeal to Truth," a pamphlet which, treating of the subject from a scientific standpoint, proves Prof. Atwater to be wrong in his conclusions as to the food value of alcohol.

The "Appeal to Truth," to which the widest possible circulation is being given, and which everybody should read, shows where the facts in the case lie.

It can be obtained at cost price, five cents, by addressing "Appeal to Truth," 3 and 5 West 18th Street, New York City.

ACKNOWLEDGING GOD.

"In all thy ways acknowledge Him." In all thy ways. In thy worship. In the study of his Word. In thy intercourse with his people. In the traffic with the world. In thy business and in thy recreation. At thy meals. In thy correspondence. In thy reading. In thy dress. What! In these petty matters? Yes; in all thy ways. Do you think that God will have no word for you on such topics? Do not be deceived. You will find a revelation of the will of God for every one of your paths. There is no safe time ever to let go his hand. Not a single hair of your head receives its nourishment without him. Why, then, should a single step be taken without him?

Rev. Dr. Parker's article on Moody in another column is written in a pleasant and interesting vein. Mr. Moody's visits to Hartford have always been profitable to the city, and they are remembered with gladness by many of our citizens, whose lives to-day testify as to the truth and power of the message which first came home to them through Mr. Moody.

And now the First Methodist Church is to migrate westward quickly following the example of the Farmington Avenue Congregational Church. This undoubtedly follows the trend of population and we trust the move will prove a profitable one in every respect. There are still a number of down town churches left and all enjoying a fair degree of prosperity, but the migration of the First Methodist Church will leave their denomination without a church in the central portion of the city.

The aldermen promptly squelched the attempt to abolish the "sacred" concert nuisance, but the aldermen may be the ones to be squelched eventually. A number of individuals are prompted by self interest to maintain these concerts, and a very great number are indifferent either way, but the moral sense of the community is opposed to them, and as soon as it is sufficiently aroused the concerts will go, and some of the peanut statesmen with them, we trust.

BUSINESS AND PLEASURE.

Mr. Wm. G. Baxter's stock of wall papers for the spring trade is now practically complete. Many new and artistic combinations can be seen at the store, No. 231 Asylum St. At this season of the year, before the Spring rush, Mr Baxter can give careful and deliberate attention to any schemes of decoration which are desired.

Anywhere, if it is only forward.—David Livingstone.
Do what is right;
Right things in great and small;
Then, though the skies should fall,
Sun, moon, and stars, and all,
You shall have light.

The Hartford Charcoal Co., owing to its growing business, has recently been reorganized and is now able to supply Hartford stores and families with "Brown's Quick Fire Charcoal" in unlimited quantities. The superior excellence of this brand is well known by all who have used it.

"Does not your Bible say that if your ass falls into a pit on the Sabbath, you may pull him out?"

"Yes," replied the other; "but if the ass had the habit of falling into the same pit every Sabbath, I would either fill up the pit or sell the ass."—"Moody's Stories."

Mr. J. C. Taft, No. 1359 Main St., now carries in stock the best grades of grain and feed. The coal business which he has carried on for several years past is still in a flourishing condition.

During the civil war, a regiment received orders to plant some heavy guns on the top of a steep hill. The soldiers dragged them to the base of the hill, but

were unable to get them farther. An officer, learning the state of affairs, cried, "Men, it must be done! I have the orders in my pocket." So the church has orders to disciple the world.—Sel.

The Wm. H. Post Carpet Co., has again taken a step forward in establishing a department exclusively for wall papers. The good taste which this company has always shown in its selection of carpets, rugs, draperies, etc., and which has been the chief factor in its successful growth, is now in evidence in its wall paper department. And not only is good taste in selection manifest, but skilled workmanship is also guaranteed to all patrons of this new department.

The benefit we receive must be rendered again line for line, cent for cent, deed for deed, to somebody. Beware of too much good staying in your hand. It will fast corrupt. Pay it away quickly in some sort.—Emerson.

At Rapelye's Drug Stores (Main and Asylum Sts.,) the closest possible attention is given to compounding prescriptions. Only skilled prescription clerks are employed for this purpose, and errors are unknown.

There is a certain bright small boy who is the son of a gentleman of my acquaintance who was born in England, and who remains a British subject. But the boy goes to an American school, and lately has been taking his first dip into patriotic American school history. The other night the boy looked up from his book, musingly, and said:—

"Papa, we licked you awfully in 1812, didn't we?"—Boston Evening Transcript.

At the Domestic Sewing Machine Agency can be seen now on exhibition the new ball bearing gear of the Domestic machine. This is a new feature in sewing machines. It reduces friction to the minimum. To be appreciated it must be seen and tried. Call at the agency, 85 Pratt St.

Simplicity in character, in manners, in style; in all things, the supreme excellence is simplicity.

Duty's path always open for us as we go on—not before we start, but as we obey and move forward. Yet we must not expect there will be any difficulties to meet or obstacles to surmount. God never has promised that. Too easy a path is often a bane in life, not a blessing. The difficulties and obstacles that remain may be made stepping-stones by which we shall rise to higher things.—J. R. Miller, D. D.

Mr. E. M. Webb, maker of fine shoes, is now located at 442 Asylum St., near the station, and in addition to his custom work, now carries a stock of ready made shoes. A good fit and satisfactory prices guaranteed.

Griswold's Drug Store makes a specialty of fresh roots and herbs. Those who wish to make up their own spring bitters can procure the best of materials here. Mr. Griswold's own make of bitters is considered one of the best, as a trial will convince.

If you expect to buy a new bicycle this spring, drop in and see G. N. Olmstead, 186 Pearl St. He is preparing to do a big business this season and will have some valuable suggestions to offer.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

HARTFORD C. E. UNION NOTES.

Preparations are now being made in the different sections of the Union for the February meetings. The topic suggested by the United Society was a "Why and How Meeting." At the meeting of the Executive Committee held at the Y. M. C. A., Tuesday evening, Jan. 30th, the topic for the combined union meeting in April of "Prison Work" was decided on. In preparation for this, there is arranged a sub-topic for these February meetings, which is "Prison Reform."

The Central Section is ahead in preparations for the February meeting. The meeting is to be held Wednesday evening, Feb. 28th, at 7.45, with the Park Congregational Society. The program is as follows (the other sections will be along the same line, but the dates are not yet announced):

A "Why and How" Meeting.

DEVOTIONAL SERVICE.

1. The Reason for Christian Endeavor, REV. J. B. CONNELL.
 - (a) The Reason for the Pledge,
 - (b) The Reason for the Committee,
2. REV. T. M. HODGDON.
 - (c) The Reason for the Consecration Meeting, REV. WILLIAM W. RANNEY
3. How can we make these Fundamental Christian Endeavor Features most helpful practically?
4. An open parliament. Please bring the practical ideas which you have used in your society.
 - (a) How can we increase our fidelity to the pledge?
 - (b) What new ideas for committees can you suggest?
 - (c) How can we deepen the spirituality of our consecration meetings?
5. Prison Reform.—REV. LINVILLE J. HALL, Chaplain of Conn. State Prison.
6. Consecration service, led by REV. WM. DELOSS LOVE.

The Secretary of the Union wishes to suggest to the Directors of each Society, that the work of the Union is something that each one should have a part in. It makes it very difficult for the officers to arrange for meetings if the Directors fail to attend the preliminary meetings.

The Lookout Committee have completed arrangements for visiting every Society in the Union during their term.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR PRAYER MEETING TOPICS.

(From the Presbyterian C. E. Manual.)

February 18.—The sin of liquor selling; how end it?—Hab. 2: 1-15.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

When the liquor dealers—big and little—are made to feel disreputable one step is taken toward the end of the saloon.

When there is no demand supply will cease. Let us save the youth from desire for strong drink.

If every Christian community kept its own neighborhood free from the saloon, the business would be diminished.

The saloon is the Christian's problem as well as the drunkard's.

When we put down the saloon we lift up the race.

Because the saloon is a murderer, it should die.

The sense of chivalry should make every man a warrior against the saloon in every way.

If we are our brother's keeper, we must keep him from strong drink.

Every mouth closed against strong drink helps close the saloon.

We cannot pray right if we live wrong.

February 25.—The strength of humility.—Luke 18:9-11.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

God exalts the bowed head.

The humble are made high.

Pride's path holds many pits.

Christ's meekness is one secret of His might.

True humility comes only from the love which seeketh not its own.

Pride cannot pray; it only boasts.

God imputes Christ's worthiness to those who confess their own unworthiness.

Self-respecting humility wins where arrogance fails.

It was when Christ was humblest that he said, "I have given you an example."

Christ promises the earth to the meek.

When we seek a name for ourself we do not honor Christ's name.

Lowliness helps to holiness.

True humility never loses its own self-respect.

The meek have might.

Ask little, get more.

March 4.—How God pays men.—Matt. 19:30; 20:1-16.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

Christ values the spirit of our labor more than its amount.

God pays us for being willing, as well as for being busy.

God is just even to the grumblers.

To be in God's service is reward enough.

The self-seeking servant gets the lowest wages.

Readiness is counted service by God.

Eternity is pay day with God.

It is better to earn glory for God than gold for self.

God never lets himself get into debt to any man.

Heaven's greatest rewards will go to those who expect least.

Better goodness in the heart than gold in the purse.

He cannot work well, who works only for wages.

March 11.—Rejecting Christ.—Mark 12: 1-9.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

We cannot reject love without accepting selfishness.

Better be without everything else than without Christ.

We reject Christ by simply neglecting to accept him.

Every soul must once sit in Pilate's seat.

Rejecting the Messiah is insulting our Master.

Even this world's vinyard is never won by spurning its true Lord.

They who reject the Son must reckon with the Father.

When we spurn the Saviour we gain nothing and lose everything.

There comes a day when the Keeper of Life's vineyard ceases to make overtures to his rebellious husband-men.

HARTFORD CHARITIES.

The Civic club has started an agitation in favor of more play-grounds for children in the crowded portions of the city. Interest in this effort was promoted by Mr. Jacob A. Riis of New York in a stirring lecture given at the Park church January 23d.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Aid society in charge of the Pavilion street House, was held in the chapel of the Center church, January 30. The corresponding secretary reported excellent progress made by the young women who have gone out from the home. Thirty-five women and fifteen babies have been inmates of the home during the year.

The officers of the Humane society reported an active year's work at the annual meeting January 31st. Complaints of cruelty to the number of 2,672 had been received during the year, of which 1,252 came to the Hartford office. The number of persons whose sufferings were relieved was 975, the number of animals relieved 3,201, the number of animals humanely killed 874.

The three district conferences of Friendly Visitors of the Charity Organization society held a joint social meeting at the City Mission building February 5th. The report of the Charity Organization society for January shows the largest demands upon the services of the society which it has ever experienced in a single month.

YORK MINSTER.

York Minster is among the most magnificent English cathedrals, and is of especial architectural interest owing to the fact of the fabric-rolls having been preserved, so that we know the precise dates at which the various portions were erected. Early in the seventh century Edwin, the first Christian king of Merthumbria, founded on the site of the present Minster, a church which perished by fire in 741. The church was rebuilt, but, during the conflagration of the city at the time of the Norman invasion, was again destroyed, with the exception of the central wall of the existing crypt, which also contains portions of the Norman church erected by Archbishop Roger (1154-81). Early in the following century the beautiful Early English transepts were added by Archbishop Grey. The present nave was built between 1291 and 1345; the graceful Decorated Chapter house between 1300 and 1330; and the Norman choir was replaced by a perpendicular one, 1373-1400. The central lantern tower belongs to the beginning of the fifteenth century, and the two western towers were added between 1430 and 1470. In 1829 the roof and carved choir stalls perished in an incendiary fire, and in 1840 another fire destroyed the roof of the nave and the splendid peal of bells, reducing the southwestern tower to a mere shell. Especially worthy of notice is the decorated stained glass, the great east window being almost unrivalled.



Conducted by Mr. George Whipple Steele.

Questions on musical subjects of general interest will be answered in this department.

SECRET OF MELODIC FAILURE.

By Edwin S. Metcalf.

Why is it that so few of the thousands who study harmony in our schools of music, term, after term, with a desire to compose, ever find themselves able or qualified to write even a simple melody that has a meaning all its own, and that, in a musical sense, is grammatically and rhetorically correct; a melody that bears the marks of design, of unity, of variety, of symmetry and proportion, of order, with points of repose; and above all, a melody that tells a story, that engages the head and the heart. Why is it that the student, after he has familiarized himself with the nature of the scales, the intervals, the chords, in their various positions and inversions, the manner in which they agreeably succeed one another, the preparation, and resolution of discordant elements, cadences, modulations, etc., finds himself with a mass of musical material, and with a strong desire to compose, and yet is powerless to write, in any methodical way, so much as a sentence of melody? We find him at the piano endeavoring to woo from the keyboard any sort of melody that it may chance to yield to the touch of his aimlessly wandering fingers. He sits there waiting for some sparks of inspiration to fly forth that may please his fancy; and if, perchance, a few notes appear, he hurriedly jots them down, and then returns in pursuit of additional ones, and so on until he finds that he has linked together enough of them to make, what seems to his undisciplined-melodic sense, a melody, which upon examination shows neither design nor method. As his mind sought for nothing in particular, so whatever presented itself was indefinite and accidental, and, when heard in succession, was vague, and contradictory. He feels that something is wrong, he is inclined to think that he is not gifted, and so finally gives up in despair.

Now what is the reason of all this? Is it because he is not an Italian? Would it have been otherwise had he been born in the land of song, poetry and romance, beneath the skies known to a Rossini and a Verdi? Is his failure due to birth, and environment, or is it because the spirit of melody native to all hearts has been neglected, left undisciplined and undeveloped, while all attention has been given to the study of harmony, which is but an attendant and subordinate force to melody? Indeed herein lies the secret

of his failure. He has been constructing, analyzing, and parsing chords, instead of devoting a part of his time to the construction of melodies without reference to harmony, except in so far as it might have been necessary in making melodic cadences and in modulating from one key to another.

It will be admitted by those who are at all familiar with the matter herein presented that what I have said is true. It will also be conceded that the manner in which musical composition is taught at the present time in most of our schools of music does not lead to composition and is radically defective; that these antiquated methods should be set aside and better ones formulated and adopted. A method should be adopted that will give the pupil in conjunction with his study of harmony (a knowledge of which is not to be ignored and which of course, is essential, in order to compose well), abundant exercise in the art of forming melodies. Classes distinctively melodic should be formed, wherein every species of melodic structure should be taught. In such a class it would be shown how to form melodic designs, phrases, sections, periods, and also how these may be properly joined together so as to form the series into a perfect melodic chain. In this way the pupil will learn how to develop the spirit rather than the body of the composition, so that the soul rather than the matter thereof will stand forth in bold relief as it should. Then the student will find that American skies are as friendly and inspiring as those of Italy; that the spirit of melody has its technic, and is not averse to being ruled and regulated by the laws of unity, variety, symmetry, and proportion, and that it makes its best appearance when so intelligently ruled and regulated.

Of these things the writer speaks advisedly, for he was a student at Boston, and at Leipsic, Germany, under the above criticised methods. With a proper system, the student should find it as easy to write correct and expressive melodies as it is to write a correct and pleasing letter.

Chicago Music Journal.

Additional Churches.

FIRST METHODIST.

On Sunday evening, January 28, we had with us the Yale Band and we were favored with several selections by the Yale Quartette.

On Wednesday evening, February 7, the members and friends of the Epworth League enjoyed a Social at the home of Mrs. Newton. Selections from Kipling were read and sung, and a short sketch of his life was given. The evening passed very pleasantly.

At the quarterly conference of the church, the Rev. D. J. E. Adams of New Haven, presiding elder of this district, being in the chair, it was decided to sell the church property on Asylum street and build on a new site to be selected in the west part of the city. Mr. Charles E. Parker, the treasurer of the church, was authorized to complete the negotiations for the sale of the church which had been in progress for some time, the purchaser being Mr. W. W. Walker of the Boston Branch. The purchase price was \$54,-

000. The church will not vacate the property until December 31, 1901.

The committee that acted under the direction of the quarterly conference in the transaction consisted of the Rev. Dr. E. A. Blake, William H. Newell, Isaac H. Coe, George W. Newton, Richard P. Martin, Charles E. Parker, William H. Hipple and I. M. Wilcox. This committee will have the erection of the new church in charge. The site has not been selected beyond the fact that it is to be on the Asylum Hill section. No location has been decided on by the church at the present time. An option was held on a site, but has been given up, the price asked for the property being higher than the location warranted.

The First Methodist Episcopal church was organized and a house of worship erected in 1820 at the corner of Trumbull and Chapel streets. Nine years afterwards the building was enlarged. The present building was enlarged. The present building was begun in May, 1859, and was finished and dedicated April 4, 1860. The building is of brick with basement of Portland stone. The Rev. John Pegg, Jr., was the pastor of the church at the time the building was dedicated.

WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

Rev. Mr. Ballou of Hartford is preaching for us now, and his sermons are much enjoyed by the people. The annual church business meeting for choice of officers was held January 10th, the former officers were re-elected, with the addition of Mrs. Bailey on the committee. The reports from the treasurer were encouraging. We are still without a pastor.

WINDSOR AVE. CONGREGATIONAL

Friday evening, January 26th, our Y. P. S. C. E. held a reception for the officers and representatives of various Young People's societies in Hartford and vicinity. A large number attended and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Our last missionary meeting was a very helpful and interesting one. It was lead by Mr. Barker of the Seminary.

Our last C. E. meeting was observed as Christian Endeavor day and the program gotten out by Rev. Francis E. Clark was used. It was a very earnest and helpful meeting.

Rev. Harold Pattison of the First Baptist church preached Sunday evening in our church.

PARKVILLE METHODIST.

The Public subscription for the new church was taken on Sunday, January 14th, and there was reported as subscribed nearly five thousand dollars. Many of our people made great sacrifices in order to do this much. The Discipline of the church requires that three-fourths of the amount required to build be pledged or paid, before a Quarterly Conference will permit contracts for building to be let; so that our people will now have to depend largely on the liberality of their friends in Hartford, in order to have the work go on; but where the extension of our Lord's kingdom is hampered for lack of church room in this

liberal and church loving city of Hartford, we have no doubt at all that all our needs in this direction will be supplied. The financial secretary of the building committee is Mr. George P. Fuller of 15 Hazel street and he has already received generous assurances of financial assistance. It is proposed to begin the erection of the church May 1st next.

Some friends whose hearts the Lord has touched are responding to the appeal of the committee, and it is hoped that before May 1st sufficient money will be pledged to warrant the committee in building.

The Rev. Chas. H. Buck, D. D., pastor of the Prospect M. E. church, of Bristol delivered a lecture in the church on Friday evening, February 16th, subject: "Egypt, the Land of Wonders."

The official board of the church has unanimously called the Rev. W. M. Carr to remain as pastor for the third year, and he has signified his acceptance of the call.

WEST HARTFORD CONGREGATIONAL.

A new and helpful feature in our C. E. society is the study of missions, lead by our pastor. The third Sunday evening in each month we have a union service, in charge of the Endeavorers. Each member is given an item pertaining to the country chosen for that evening, and at the meetings, express the thoughts in their own words. This has proved to be very instructive and interesting to all.

FARMINGTON AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

The social events of the past month have been numerous and successful, but we are pleased to record that they have not assumed undue prominence or interfered with the religious prosperity of the church. The attendance at morning worship is encouragingly large, every pew being sold, and the ushers are kept busy finding vacant seats for strangers and visitors.

The Sunday school hovers close to the 300 mark in attendance, going as high as 310 on one Sunday. Mr. Allen's Bible class of young men taxes the capacity of the dining room. They arranged a lecture by Dr. Stone recently and invited the congregation.

The New Year's reception, postponed on account of severe illness in the family of our pastor, was held February 7th, and was very largely attended. Mr. Loveland gave his second organ recital of the season, and the large audience that greeted him was ample testimony to his popularity as a musician. He was assisted by Mr. Latham, baritone of the church quartette.

The Ladies' Home Missionary society held a sale of cake, candy, pie and aprons in the parish house, February 10th, afternoon and evening.

The Endeavor society are arranging for a "Gift Social," February 23d.

Mrs. Hettie Bradley Kelley has been engaged as soprano of the church choir for the coming year. We have always taken pride in our music, and cannot but feel that the addition of Mrs. Kelley will make the choir equal, if not superior to any in the city.

First class dentistry is desirable in many ways, while "cheap," poor dental operations are not worth the money and time expended. Dr. Crane, No. 8 State street, says he has recently shown sets of artificial teeth made at his office that have been in actual use from twenty to thirty years in perfect condition and it is nothing rare to see gold and silver fillings from twenty-five to thirty years old. No one will deny that such durability in dental operations proves them to be first class. As to painless dentistry Dr. Crane guarantees to extract teeth absolutely without pain by the use of "Laughing Gas" or cocaine, and there is scarcely a case in filling that cannot be executed without pain!

A ten year old girl testifying in a New York City court against her father, who was charged with the murder of her mother, told the judge that she had never heard of God did know what the Bible was, and expected to go to the cemetery when she died.

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TEMPERANCE NOTES.

Forty-five counties in prohibition Kansas possessing poorhouses and farms are without a single pauper, and in thirty-seven counties there were no criminals for trial in the district courts.

How many young men who are actors in the first part of this drama have ever rehearsed in thought the parts they may take in the last three acts?

Act I.—Before the bar of the saloon.

Act II.—Before the bar of the court.

Act. III.—Before the bar of the prison.

Act. IV.—Before the bar of God.—Selected.

The "Presbyterian" well says: "One of the greatest hindrances to adequate temperance legislation in Great Britain, as it is in our country, is the difference among temperance reformers. Some favor Local Option, others want Local Veto, and many more incline to Total Prohibition. Unity of plan is as essential to success as is unity of object. Division as to method has prevented much wholesale legislation and much needed co-operation among those who desire and work for the overthrow of the giant evil of the day. When shall all see eye to eye and present a united front in practical measures for the suppression of the liquor traffic?"

"I never had any use for whiskey except to get drunk with it." It was a wise man who said this. He had made a specialty of drinking for some years, and eventually, seeing the futility of his pursuit, had ceased, and was subsequently giving his opinion upon the value of whiskey as an aid to civilization. He might have continued with the cognate assertion that the only use for a saloon is a place in which to get drunk. . . . Whiskey is made because men wish to get drunk and saloons are maintained as convenient depots for the distribution and dissemination of whiskey. Saloons are not poor men's clubs."—C. A. Dana, Editor New York "Sun."

MISSIONARY NOTES.

Sir William Hunter, one of India's most observing statesmen and historians, stated that there are 50,000,000 non-caste people in India—all considered as outcasts—and that these millions would not long rest where they now are; they would become Christians, if the Church were ready to take them; if not, they would become Mohammedans.—Ex.

A half century ago the station of Anelcauhut was opened in the islands of Aneityum, and the first permanent settlement was made by the Rev. John Geddie. All the 30 inhabited islands of the group were sunk in heathenism. To-day there are in the New Hebrides no fewer than 24 missionaries, 5 assistants, a trained nurse, about 300 native teachers, and about 2,800 communicants, while a training institute for teachers and hospital are established.—Selected.

"At Milwaukee, Wis., at a great meeting of the American Board, they sang 'All hail the power of Jesus' name,' and when the verse, 'Let every kindred, every tribe,' etc., was reached the leader requested that the returned missionaries sing that verse in the language of the nations in which they had been laboring, and asked the rest of the audience to listen. The languages of seven nations were heard in that verse, and the scene will long be remembered."

In the Bombay courts of justice a man was charged with cruelty to his child wife. It was shown that the accused was forty-seven years old, and his wife nine, and he had previously been married fourteen times. The father of the child admitted that he had sold her for twenty rupees a month. A few days before the trial the poor little girl was seen on the parapet of the house, intensely agitated, threatening to throw herself down into the street below to a native policeman, who ventured to restrain her. The girl stated that her husband had whipped her and threatened to kill her if she failed to undo a knot in his hair. Unable to confirm the accusation of habitual cruelty, the magistrate released the defendant."

If not in one way, we can work for the missionary cause in another. After listening to an address by the Rev. Thomas Craven at Hebron, Ind., a lady living seven miles out of town instituted a monthly tea, and charged ten cents, thus collecting \$3 a month. This amount, it is thought will insure the apportionment to the charge being raised in full.

"We have had too little rain," writes Mr. Helgesen, "and the people are now praying to their gods for it. The other day a man, supposed to be devil-possessed, was carried through the streets in a chair, followed by an idol, to 'pray down' the rain, but no answer came. Then, one evening, the people assembled in the temple, and, making a hole in the plaster of which the idol was made, they put in a live scorpion, and closed up the hole. At the same time they beat their drums and made their invocations with redoubled vigor. The scorpion was put in to wake up the god!"—Ex.

The nobler the man, the more nobility he finds in the Bible. The following anecdote of the great Scotch philosopher, Carlyle, is most characteristic.

On one occasion Carlyle had been reading some of the Bible with a friend, and his voice thrilled at the passage which tells how those who desecrated the temple with their buying and selling were driven with a scourge out of its precincts. Closing the Book, he burst out in enthusiastic admiration, "That was gran', man, gran'! He was nane o'yer saft puns o'butter." Surely there was reverence even under the abrupt simplicity of the words.

"Among the last words of Mr. Livermore was his wish that I should go on as I have been living. 'Don't give up any work you are engaged in, only try not to over do.' I have great need of work now. It is to me more than money, sympathy, food or raiment. I must live worthily—I cannot be overborne now, at close of my life by sorrow, depression and loneliness."—Mrs. Mary A. Livermore in a private letter to a friend.

"I must live worthily—I cannot be overborne now by sorrow, depression or loneliness." These noble words of Mrs. Livermore's are so universal in their significance that they may well be a theme for consideration. For when one comes to think of it the cure for all ills in the world is to live worthily. An unfailing recipe for unhappiness and misery is to live in self-contemplation; an unfailing recipe for a lofty and noble order of happiness is to live in generous thought and purpose and out going sympathies for other lives and for the things that make for progress.—Lilian Whiting, in Boston Budget.

A Christian man was once urged by his employer to work on Sunday.



WOMAN'S WORK

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

The last meeting of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union showed a marked increase in attendance and great interest manifested. If every woman whose name appears on the roll, would make it a point to be present at each meeting, what an inspiration it would be, not only to the faithful few, but to the woman herself. The best way to get good from membership, is to take an active interest. We only half enjoy what we only half hear. One musical note left out, spoils the whole chord. Our union ought to be a full, harmonious chord, every note in its place.

Preparations are being made for our annual Free Will Offering meeting. Dat and place of meeting will be given in the daily papers. This Thank-offering day is set each year as nearly as possible to the date of the day when Frances Willard found it so "beautiful to be with God," called her Heavenly Birthday. Envelopes will be distributed to members and their friends. It is hoped a liberal donation will be given. Money is needed to carry on any work, especially in a place as large as Hartford.

THE CURFEW.

The following is an extract from an editorial in the Elmira Advertiser of September 4, 1899:

"The curfew ordinance has been in operation in this city for one month, that of August, and the experiment must be regarded as out of the doubtful stage. One of the most interesting phases of it is that the children themselves understand it better than most of the elders and make it self-enforcing. Not a voice is heard in this city after a month's trial in disapproval of the ordinance, but on the contrary, the sentiment once hostile or indifferent is now unanimous for it. Only one arrest has been made during that period. The most cordial approval of the rule comes from the police department while all citizens agree that it is wholly admirable for it is enforced faithfully and rationally. One very surprising feature of it deserves mention. Many of the children formerly seen about the streets at night now go to the Steele library for books. The demands of the children for books has astonished the librarian. The Advertiser sends greeting to the interesting contemporaries, noting with dismay the habits of young children as street walkers, and assures them that in Elmira with nearly fifty thousand population, the curfew is a magnificent success."

Albany County, N. Y., W. C. T. U., by resolutions expressed its appreciation of Mayor Blessing's refusal to grant a license to the Myers Athletic

Club for boxing, under the Horton Law, and of that part of Governor Roosevelt's message recommending the repeal of that law. They also resolved to petition the legislature for such repeal and also plead for fair legislation on the part of women vagrants.

It will be of interest to all mothers to know that the reading course described by Miss Celia Hutton in Woman's Temperance Work for December has twenty-five books along the line of child culture and will be most excellent held in home reading and in use for mothers meetings. It will be well worth the \$2.00 for the 25 volumes and we hope many unions will avail themselves of this opportunity to secure a fine library at so small a cost. Miss Celia Hutton, South Ave., Penn Yan is superintendent of this department.



THE BABY'S CRY.

The notion that a crying baby is a healthy one, like many popular beliefs, is true in a measure, but may be dangerously misleading. A baby that never cried would probably not live, or would be a puny and ill-developed specimen. A lusty bawl now and then is necessary as a species of lung gymnastics—the only one possible to the infant. So a little wind in the stomach, or a little discomfort from the clothes, or even a little bad temper, may be useful, if it provokes crying.

But we should learn the language of the cry, since crying is the chief method the baby has of communicating with its elders and telling them what is wrong. While we learn not to be unduly solicitous when the lungs are merely being exercised, we must learn not to neglect an appeal for relief.

When the cry is constant, and is not to be stopped by any of the ordinary distractions; it often means earache. Hunger also announces itself by persistent crying, but this appeal ceases the moment food is given. The cry that comes after eating, and that is excited by indigestion, is more or less intermittent or paroxysmal, and when there is colic the baby moves his body about, instinctively seeking to shift the pain, which such wriggling often will do.

Pain in the head is expressed by a series of sudden shrieks, loud and sharp, in the intervals of which the child is quiet and often somnolent, or whimpers a little.

A loud, sudden cry, occurring during sleep, and possibly not even waking the child, is often a sign of beginning joint-disease. This disease is rare, however, in young babies.

A fretful baby, crying at the slightest provocation or without apparent cause, is ill at ease and may be sickening for some definite illness.

When a child invariably follows a cough with crying there may be pneumonia or pleurisy, the movement produced by the cough causing pain in

the chest. When, however, there is fluid or other effusion in the chest or lungs, interfering with respiration, the baby cries but little, seeming to know that it has no breath to waste.

A hoarse cry is indicative of laryngitis, and this, when more pronounced, is the croupy cry that mothers dread so much to hear. A nasal tone in the cry, like that in the voice of older children, is a sign of some obstruction in the nostrils.

THE SCHOOL LIFE OF YOUNG WOMEN.

Much has been written about the overwork of girls in high schools and colleges, but it is difficult to effect a reform in this respect in the face of the ambition of teachers, the emulation of pupils, and the ignorance of parents.

The weightiest objection, from the physician's point of view, against co-education is the danger of breakdown to which it exposes those of the weaker sex—the physically weaker—in stimulating them to keep up with their brothers. The time spent in study by a girl from twelve to eighteen years of age ought not to exceed six hours a day, while a boy of the same age may safely give eight hours to his tasks.

By the following of hygienic rules, however, much can be done to counteract or avert the evil consequences of excessive study.

First, as to food. It is unquestionably true that many schoolgirls suffer from semi-starvation—not necessarily because they eat too little, but because what they eat is innutritious or is not properly digested.

Three meals a day should be had, and the diet should be of a mixed character, not containing an undue proportion of starchy foods and sweets. Bread and cakes and pies and puddings are all good in their place, if properly made, but they should be regarded only as accessory to the main-stays: meat, fruit, green vegetables, and—onions. The drink should be milk or water, and not tea and coffee.

When the mind is taxed to its limit in the daily studies, it should be protected from emotional excitement; all theatre-going and the distractions of "society" should be reserved for the holiday season. The hour for retiring should be early, but the getting-up time should not be. "Early to bed and early to rise" may do later, but it is a bad motto for a schoolgirl, who needs nine or ten full hours of undisturbed rest in bed.

Finally comes the question of exercise—one of extreme importance. In many schools gymnastic exercises, either with or without special apparatus, form part of the regular daily duties. This is good as far as it goes, but it does not go far enough, for it is open-air exercise that is especially needed by schoolgirls. Not less than three hours a day should be passed out-of-doors—walking, driving, bicycling, golfing, and so forth—if the weather permits, and there are few days, even in midwinter, that one who really wants to go out need be house-bound.

Under the head of exercise may be included proper breathing—a vital matter, but one which has been discussed in a previous article.

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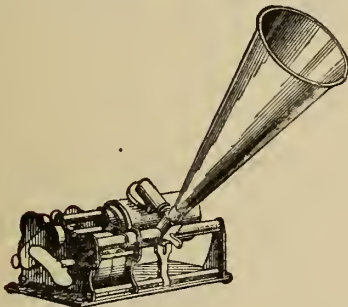
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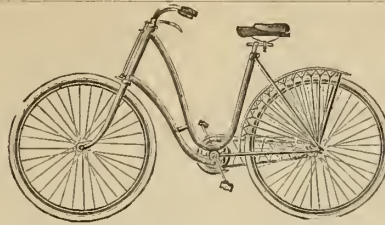
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LITERARY DEPARTMENT

Scribner's Magazine for February has for its frontispiece a portrait of Donald G. Mitchell, recently drawn from life by A. I. Keller. This is printed in tints, and is a striking likeness of the venerable author of "Reveries of a Bachelor." It is accompanied with an article on "The Master of Edgewood," by Arthur Reed Kimball, who writes on that gracious and personal side of Mr. Mitchell's long literary career which is associated with his farm and his friends.

The last of the "body" articles in the February "Century" is one that will doubtless attract the most attention. This is the first instalment of hitherto unpublished extracts from the private diary of Dr. B. E. O'Meara, Napoleon Bonaparte's physician at St. Helena. The original manuscript of this journal, in eighteen little volumes, has come into the possession of The Century Co., and is found to afford a surprisingly large amount of new material in the way of conversation with the exiled Emperor. These "Talks with Napoleon" will form an important feature of "The Century" during the year 1900.

Cassell's Magazine contains articles on "The Defense of London," "What it Feels Like to Go Into Action," "The Motor Car in France and England" and other subjects of general interest.

A very unique idea is brought out in the current number of "The Quiver" in an article entitled "The Christian Flag." It is anent the newly formed "Christian Flag Extension Society" of which Mr. Charles C. Overton, a Sunday school superintendent of Coney Island, is the head. Mr. Overton's idea is that Christians all over the world, irrespective of denomination or nationality, should have one flag, under which they could, if occasion arose march in a body.

To many people the most interesting article in this month's "Cosmopolitan" will be that entitled "Among the Farthest People." William Jamieson Reid, whose personal experiences are purported to be described therein has just been revealed as an impostor, according to a Boston paper, most publications get caught occasionally in some such way.

"McClure's Magazine" for February contains a number of fine colored illustrations of Ian MacLaren's "Life of Christ," which is being widely referred to and discussed.

Inadvertently we failed to give Messrs. Charles Scribner's Sons credit for two illustrations used in our last



VICTOR EMANUEL II.

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issue. The illustration on page 22, in this department was from Paul du Chaillu's book "The Land of the Long Night." The picture of "Lorna Doone's Brook" was reproduced from Henry Van Dyke's "Fisherman's Luck."

We wish here to acknowledge appreciation of the publishers' courtesy.

Personal Reminiscences of Anti-Slavery and Other Reforms and Reformers. By Aaron M. Powell. 279 pages, 8 vo. Published by Anna Rice Powell, Plainfield, N. J.

Mr. Powell dedicated this work of which only two-thirds had been completed when death came to him, to the young people of his country. His hope was that his book might inculcate in them a lesson of human liberty.

When he was nineteen years old he became acquainted with the "American Anti-Slavery Society" and was always afterward interested in its work. He was on terms of intimacy with such reformers as William Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips, Lucretia Mott, Whittier, Sumner and Susan B. Anthony. Powell's life was one of activity, and his book is redolent of the enthusiasm and energy of his high purposes and his high accomplishments.

There are a number of interesting portraits in the book, which is well printed and attractively bound.

John Jasper's Secret. By Charles

Dickens, Jr., and Wilkie Collins. 43 pages. 12 mo. New York: R. F. Fenno & Co. Price \$1.00.

As the reader will remember Charles Dickens left an unfinished novel called

"The Mystery of Edwin Drood." There has always been universal regret that the mystery was left unsolved.

"John Jasper's Secret" is a joint effort of Wilkie Collins and Dickens's son to construct an adequate sequel. They had indeed a hard task, but with the aid of notes and memoranda left by the great author they have solved the mystery, and produced a book which, though of somewhat mediocre literary merit, will still be of great interest to lovers of Dickens.

France and Italy. By Imbert de St. Amand. Translated by Elizabeth Gilbert Martin. 352 pages, 12 mo. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. Price \$1.50.

History was never more delightfully written than by St. Amand, and this book, anent the war between Austria on one side, and the allied armies of France and Italy on the other, is equal to his best.

From the first sentence to the last there is always in evidence the naive egotism of the typical French writer. This feature is by no means disagreeable.

Casting aside national characteristics, the book as a history is full of interest. The author emphasizes the fact that Italy had not so strong an ally in France as in Napoleon III., and shows how the battles of Palestro, Magenta and Solferino, which virtually comprised the war, resulted in King Victor Emanuel's being ruler of a united Italy, and in the final settlement of the domain of the Roman Pontiff.

The courtesy of the publishers enables us to reproduce a portrait of the King from the volume.

Archibald Malmaison. By Julian Hawthorne. 265 pages, 12 mo. New York: Funk & Wagnalls Company. Price \$1.25.

Those who like the strange and weird will be interested in this novel. The story was first published twenty years ago and it made such a sensation then, and has been referred to so often since, that the publishers have brought out this new edition, which is illustrated by Freeland A. Carter.

The story is of a person who for the first seven years of his life is an idiot, then his mind suddenly clears. For seven years following he is an especially bright child; then he relapses again. These periods alternate, and as the story proceeds strange complications are caused and a startling climax ends the story.

A slight unevenness of narration is a fault of this story, one never finds in the author's present day writings.

Border Lines in the Fields of Doubtful Practices. By H. Clay Trumbull. 199 pages, 16 mo. New York: Fleming H. Revell Co. Price \$1.00.

Dr. Trumbull is the author of "War Memories of an Army Chaplain" published not long ago. He is a well known preacher and writer and has many friends in this vicinity.

This, his new book, is quite different in character from the one preceding it, but it is more in the line of Dr. Trumbull's work as a preacher. The title does not quite indicate the idea of the text, which is a consideration of the dangers involved in popular habits and amusements. Such questions as theatre-going, smoking, dancing and card playing are discussed and settled so far as the author is concerned.

If, as may be, everyone will not agree with all his deductions, none will deny that the author is reasonable, careful and thoughtful. There is

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Bienville, the soldier-governor of Louisiana, sends Captain de Mouret on a secret errand to the court of France. The Captain upon securing audience with the King, Louis XIV, proceeds to tell him in a charmingly audacious way of the very poor opinion he has of him. Even from the difficulty he thus places himself in he escapes alive.

A particularly vivid touch of horror will occasionally cause the sensitive reader to shudder, but he will be fascinated by the story, nevertheless, and he will probably not lay the book down until every word in it has been devoured.

The Night Has a Thousand Eyes. By F. W. Bourdillon. 73 pages, small



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Neither should the "Chapter of Afterthoughts" have been placed in the fore part of the volume. No one who reads the book should dread this preface (?) until he has first finished reading the story itself.

Along the Bosphorus, and Other Sketches. By Susan E. Wallace (Mrs. Lew Wallace). 38 pages, 12 mo. Chicago: Rand, McNally & Co.

General Wallace was for several years a representative of the United States in Turkey. It was during this time that Mrs. Wallace had the opportunity for the observation which form the basis of this book. The sketches of various phases of Turkish life are light, though interesting, and show a superficial acquaintance with the country. The other sketches vary in nature. The illustrations are exquisite and are quite the feature of the book. The publishers deserve much praise for the finish and setting they have given the text.

not a chapter that is not worthy of careful thought.

Bible Study Songs. 163 pages, 8 vo. Boston: The Pilgrim Press.

These songs as arranged by Bertha F. Vella and D. B. Towner are intended for the use of Junior Societies and Junior and Primary Sunday Schools, in simple Bible studies. Miss Vella contributes drawings of blackboard illustrations. Miss Julia H. Johnston describes in verse the duties of various committees.

It appears to be a book that would prove of very practical value in use by those for whom it is intended.

The Black Wolf's Breed. By Harris Dickson. 288 pages, 12 mo. Indianapolis: The Bowen-Merrill Company. Price \$1.50.

The hero, a young soldier named Captain de Mouret, though given somewhat to bombastic speeches is a very good fellow to know—in a book.

4 to. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. Price \$1.00.

Here is the world-famed poem whose name gives the title to this collection of the author's verses:

The night has a thousand eyes,
And the day but one;
Yet the light of the bright world dies
With the dying sun.

The mind has a thousand eyes,
And the heart but one;
Yet the life of a whole life dies
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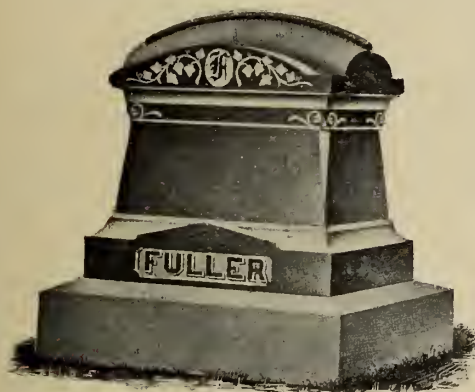
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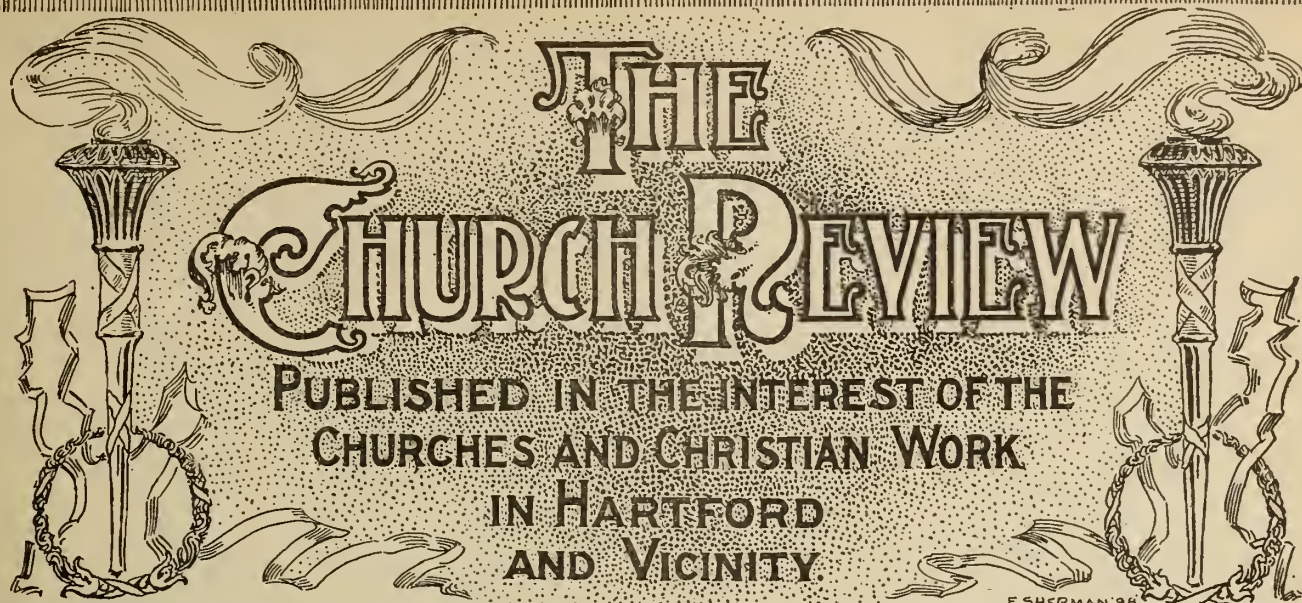
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ST. JOHN, THE AGED.

I'm growing very old. This weary head
That hath so often leaned on Jesus' breast,
In days long past that seem almost a dream,
Is bent and hoary with the weight of years.
These limbs that followed Him—my Master, oft
From Galilee to Judah; yea, that stood
Beneath the cross and trembled with His groans,
Refuse to bear me even through the streets
To preach unto my children. E'en my lips
Refuse to form the words my heart sends forth.

My ears are dull, they scarcely hear the sobs
Of my own children gathered round my couch;
God lays His hand on me—yea His hand,
And not His rod—the gentle hand that I
Felt those three years, so often pressed in mine,
In friendship such as passeth woman's love.
I'm old: so old I cannot recollect
The faces of my friends; and I forget
The words and deeds that make up daily life;
But that dear face, and every word He spoke,
Grow more distinct as others fade away.
So that I live with Him and holy dead
More than with the living.

Some seventy years ago
I was a fisher by the sacred sea.
It was at sunset. How the tranquil tide
Bathed dreamily the pebbles! How the light
Crept up the distant hills, and in its wake
Soft purple shadows wrapped the dewy fields!
And then He came and called me. Then I gazed

For the first time, on that sweet face.
Those eyes,
From out of which, as from a window, shone
Divinity, looked on my inmost soul,
And lighted it forever. Then His words
Broke on the silence of my heart, and made
The whole world musical. Incarnate Love
Took hold of me and claimed me for its own.
I followed in the twilight, holding fast
His mantle.

Oh, what holy walks we had,
Through harvest fields, and desolate, dreary wastes!
And oftentimes He leaned upon my arm,
Wearied and wayworn. I was young and strong,
And so upbore Him. Lord, now I am weak,
And old, and feeble! Let me rest on Thee!

So, put Thine arm around me. Closer still!
How strong Thou art! The twilight draws apace.
Come, let us leave these noisy streets, and take
The path to Bethany; for Mary's smile
Awaits us at the gate, and Martha's hands
Have long prepared the evening meal.
Come, James, the Master waits; and Peter, see,
Has gone some steps before.

What say you, friends!
That this is Ephesus, and Christ has gone
Back to His kingdom? Ay, 'tis so, 'tis so.
I know it all; and yet, just now, I seemed
To stand once more upon my native hills,
And touch my Master. O, how oft I've seen
The touch of His garments bring back strength
To palsied limbs! I feel it has to mine.
Up! bear me once more to my church!
Once more

There let me tell them of a Saviour's love;
For, by the sweetness of my Master's voice
Just now, I think he must be very near,—
Coming, I trust, to break the veil, which time
Has worn so thin that I can see beyond,
And watch His footsteps.

So raise up my head.
How dark it is! I cannot seem to see
The faces of my flock. Is that the sea
That murmurs so, or is it weeping?
Hush,
My little children! God so loved the world
He gave His Son. So love one another.
Love God and man. Amen. Now bear me back.
My legacy unto an angry world is this.
I feel my work is finished. Are the streets so full?
What call the folk my name? The Holy John?
Nay, write me, rather Jesus Christ's beloved
And lover of my children.

Lay me down
Once more upon my couch, and open wide
The eastern window. See! there comes a light
Like that which broke upon my soul at eve.
When, in the dreary Isle of Patmos, Gabriel came
And touched me on the shoulder. See it grows
As when he mounted toward the pearly gates.
I know the way. I trod it once before.
And hark! It is the song the ransomed sing,
Of glory to the Lamb! How loud it sounds.
And that unwritten one! Methinks my soul
Can join it now. But who are these that crowd
The shining way? Say, joy! 'tis the eleven,
With Peter first! How eagerly he looks!
How bright the smiles are beaming on

James' face!
 I am the last. Once more we are
 complete
 To gather round the Paschal feast. My
 place
 Is next my Master. Oh, my Lord, my
 Lord!
 How bright Thou art! and yet the
 very same
 Beloved in Galilee, 'Tis worth the hun-
 dred years
 To feel this bliss. So, lift me up,
 dear Lord,
 Unto Thy bosom. There shall I abide.
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THE FEDERATION OF CHURCHES.

By Rev. Geo. M. Stone, D. D.

The union of Christian churches for spiritual, civic and social ends is a logical outcome of the growing spirit of fraternity already existing among them. It does not propose to deal in the slightest way with denominational differences. These differences will probably continue to exist for some time to come, though with far less asperity and bitterness than in the past. The existence of these differences, honestly cherished will be, however, no bar to a union of those holding them, for practical results looking toward the abatement of great public evils. Those evils concern misdirected and duplicated forms of public charity, in which rival organizations cross each other's paths, and thus entail not only a waste of money and effort, but frequently occasion a reproach before the world. Sanctified common sense calls loudly for such a general understanding among Christian churches as shall bring their collective wisdom to bear upon the existing indiscretions and mistakes of such a state of things. Then there is constant failure in efforts to check such moral evils as the drink habit and the outrages upon the best interests of the children of the community by the allowance of questionable amusements and equally questionable methods of advertising them. The eyes of children have for months past been caught by flaunting and debasing pictures put up in most conspicuous places by the agents of amusement companies, who carry away thousands of dollars from Hartford, and are thus paid by its citizens for wholesale corruption of our youth. Of course the responsible parties in this debasing work are clamoring to be let alone. But if Christian churches have any mission is it not to protest, with no uncertain voice against the evil? They can do so singly, as in some cases they have done. But a single voice is far less effective than the collective sense of many churches expressed through some authoritative organization. So of the drink evil. All pure minded citizens having the highest good of the city at heart admit the existence of an excessive number of saloons. Here a protest before the commissioner by a single layman or pastor is not without effect, but that effect would be greatly increased if the churches of the city in some federated capacity could speak through their legitimate representatives. Again the systematic canvass of the city with a view to ascertain the spiritual needs of every household in it in order to meet these

needs in the spirit of kindly Christian service, is an imperative duty where churches are numerically what they are in Hartford. In this work there is now much effort misdirected, and a painful lack of that sagacity and prudence which ought to characterize the highest ideals of Christian service. Besides in this way the churches would give a corporate testimony to the world, in place of the disconnected and sometimes divided testimony now given. Exigencies are constantly arising when such united simultaneous expressions of moral power could be made in a way to raise the ethical tone of the community, and strengthen all the higher interests of good citizenship. The federation of the English churches which has been in existence several years, were able recently to prevent the publication of Sunday newspapers in London by the united, persistent and earnest resistance made to the innovation. The concerted action of this league of Christian men and women made itself felt against the united capital and purpose of the newspaper interest and a great moral victory was achieved. It must be quite apparent that a new vantage ground will be assumed by the Christian church if such a union as is proposed could become general in the United States. It would at least in part take away the reproach of a divided body, seeking diverse interests. It would present to the world a spectacle of unity, both compact and practical. It would make evil workers more careful in their schemes to break down the barriers which the preaching and life of the church is attempting to erect for the protection of society. It would also become a measure of the possibilities of the church to move the community when speaking together, she was able to express "the mind of Christ" to the world. Would it not be an important step toward the answer of the High Priestly prayer that believers might all be one animated with one purpose, and moving like the Macedonian Phalanx, with one step and under one word of command against the common enemy? It would also beget a new spirit within the body united thus in a sacred consensus of faith and service. A common uplifting of heart and throb of energy would quicken the dormant pulse of each individual member of the federation and impart a sense of honor and dignity, in the feeling of union with so many fellow Christians, seeking the same ends and consecrated to the same common Lord and Savior.

With so many and beneficent ends to be reached, the supremely important question is, will the individual churches give the federation hospitality and actively co-operate in making it effective to secure its proposed ends? It must not be passively received. It deserves intense acceptance, and cordial co-operation. The enemy is active on all sides. Evil is more and more unblushing and forward in its corrupting activity. It desires only to be let alone. Nothing is so agreeable to it as the silence of Christian people. Can they be silent, and meet the approval of Him who was "manifested to destroy the works of the devil?" The prophetic injunction was "ye that love the Lord hate evil." As with

a trumpet call the evils of the time summon Christians to aggressive movement. "He that hath ears to hear let him hear."

LONDON, THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CONVENTION CITY.

There is a delightful sense of irresponsibility pervading the consciousness of the writer of a short article on London; for, if the author of a five-hundred-page guide-book professes his inability to describe so stupendous a city, what can be expected of even the most conscientious writer, save that he pluck from his little tree of knowledge a few leaves of his own selection that shall at least be not too dry and sere?

Then, too, they must be quite different from the specimens that grow on similar trees of the American variety; for the American who travels abroad expecting to see, and, worst of all, wanting to see the same thing he is accustomed to see at home, would better not travel abroad at all. The hotels, the homes, the architecture, the steam-cars and street cars, all are different. Hence their charm.

Hence, too, the desirability of making London one's first objective point. For, if a traveller lands, say at Naples, and travels slowly northward amid foreign scenes, his senses are apt to be blunted by the time he reaches England.

So warm a glow of kinship fills his heart when he once more hears his mother tongue that the difference in accent and phrasing falls almost unheeded on his ear.

England seems so much more like America than does any other European country, that the many interesting points of dissimilarity are almost lost sight of in his joy at the points of likeness. But, if his first European impressions are derived from London, everything seems strange and foreign even there.

In the first place, it is bewildering to an American, accustomed to gaining entrance to his own street cars by dint of much waving of arms and agonized entreaty, to have his patronage solicited and even begged for by the drivers and conductors of the London omnibuses. These two-storied vehicles are so covered with advertisements that to the unpracticed eye they seem to be all going to "Trv Nestle's Food" or to "Buy Bryant's Matches."

However, destination is a matter of small consequence if one can be carried thither by so polite a driver and conductor; so the flattered American climbs laboriously to the top of the omnibus, and, engaging the conductor in conversation as to the points of interest along the route, is speedily learning his London in the most delightful manner. Even the signs over the doors are a source of pleasure. Who in America ever heard of a "be-spoke tailor?"

Little thrills of ecstasy run down his spinal column as the 'bus turns into Oxford street and lumbers up the Piccadilly of his dreams. The Strand, Threadneedle street, and Birdcage Walk! One breathes Dickens and Thackeray in the very air, and thinks pityingly of the prosaic Fourth Avenue or High street he has left behind him.

Grand ladies drive past under the

care of august coachmen in curled white wigs; here is the house of the Duke of Westminster; there the top of Buckingham Palace; here the Albert Memorial with the four beautiful groups of statuary at the corners symbolizing the continents, America, of course, being represented by the ubiquitous Indian and buffalo.

Circling that magnificent system of parks for which London is justly famous, one comes with a sigh of de-

Thomas Chatterton concerning his impending suicide, and a characteristic remark of Carlyle's about some lucky individual "who differed from most men in being a man instead of a clothes-horse." Charles Dickens has a letter written the day before his death; Robert Browning expresses regret that people cannot understand his works, and says that, while he never intentionally puzzled any one, he "did not intend to furnish a substitute for a ci-

granted!

Lovely illuminated books are there in quantity, a Bible with a chain fastened to its cover, the first Gutenberg Bible, the agreement to pay John Milton the magnificent sum of £5 down and £15 on publication for his "Paradise Lost," while as for original manuscripts, of these there is no end. One gazes upon the faded characters traced by gifted hands long since laid to rest, with much the same feeling that comes over one when entering the beautiful portals of Westminster Abbey.

There is no room here for the light and frivolous, and the most thoughtless treads with awe and hushed reverence the aisles consecrated by the dust of the illustrious dead of many centuries. Much that makes England great lies here, and one ceases to wonder at the place she holds among the nations of the earth when he reflects upon the marvellous accomplishments in art, science, politics, literature, and religion for which these simple names and monuments stand.

There is no more sublimely impressive place in all the world than Westminster Abbey, and never do these men and women of genius seem more alive than as they lie dead at our feet.

A lump rises unbidden into the throat, and one gazes through a mist of tears at the graven letters that spell out the names of Livingstone, Gladstone, Sir Isaac Newton, Shakespeare, "O rare Ben Jonson," Tennyson, and Chaucer.

Here is the resting-place of many of the sovereigns of England, from the rusty sarcophagus containing the few ashes of Edward the Confessor to the tomb of George II. Here has lain for three centuries the Virgin Queen Elizabeth, while not sixty feet away



ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, LONDON.

light into Trafalgar Square, and feasts his eyes upon the noble shaft of Nelson guarded at the foot by the colossal Landseer lions. In the National Gallery opposite hang the painted models for these great beasts, as well as a whole roomful of beautiful animals from the brush of their friend, Sir Edwin Landseer.

Here, too, hangs a fine collection of Joshua Reynolds and Turner, while the foreign department is enriched by four lovely Murillos, some delicately detailed Dutch interiors by Gerard Dou and Teniers, and several rich Rembrandts, including the inevitable portraits of himself that alternately smile and frown at one from every gallery in Europe.

But all these old masters can be studied elsewhere, while, if one wishes an absolutely unique collection, he must turn to the adjoining portrait gallery. The student of English history may here read the whole story of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries in the pictured faces of the proud and cruel Tudors, the tactless Stuarts, and the resolute Oliver Cromwell. The lover of good books will find them forever vivified as he looks into the eyes of George Eliot and Robert Burns, gets a glimpse of the souls that animated Robert and Mrs. Browning, sees Carlyle, Thackeray, and Matthew Arnold face to face, and lives a moment with Walter Scott in his study.

If anything else be needed to make them ever after his intimate friends, creatures of warm flesh and blood in the place of unreal abstractions, let him linger over the manuscripts in the British Museum. He will probably breathe an inward apology to his literary heroes for stealing a glimpse at private letters that were never intended for his eyes, but he will love them the better for this view of their personalities in undress uniform. There is a sad little note by the wonderful

gar or a game of dominoes for an idle man."

Charles Lamb strongly recommends frogs' legs as an article of diet, and gives his friend, Mr. Chase, a recipe for cooking them. "The front legs are not so good," he concludes, "and Mrs. Chase can let them jump away on their own account." John Wesley has a letter to his "dear brother Sammy," and Robert Burns writes very prettily of a "bonny, sweet, sonsie lass" who



ALBERT MEMORIAL.

was his companion in the harvest-field.

Poor Mary Queen of Scots complains unavailingly to Elizabeth of her treatment, and the equally unfortunate Lady Jane Grey indites a pathetic marginal note to her father upon a tiny illuminated prayer-book. Sir Walter Raleigh proves himself the father of stupid diarists who prate daily and uninterestingly of the weather, and Demosthenes has a speech written on vellum, whose beauty of diction the ordinary visitor is apt to take for

sleeps in equal honor the beautiful dust of her hated cousin Mary.

In the room of Queen Elizabeth stands a marble cradle under whose lacelike canopy is sculptured the tiny baby face of Mary's grandchild, the infant daughter of James I. Another curious monument represents Death issuing from a tomb to hurl his fatal shaft at a shrinking young wife, while her terrified husband strives to ward off the blow.

Near by stands the old chair in which England's sovereigns are

crowned, and of special interest to Americans are the bust erected in the Poet's Corner in honor of Longfellow, and the monuments to three men who affected the history of our own country, Major Andre, William Pitt, and General Wolfe. Behind the Abbey, too, in the vestibule of the Chapter House where the House of Commons was originally held, are a bust and stained window in commemoration of our own Lowell. Still farther along the beautiful Abbey cloisters is the well known Westminster school, its walls carved with the names of famous

by Richard III., and almost fancies he can see their sad little faces peering out upon the gray stones of the court.

Guarding these memorials of the rulers of the past and the Tower collection of the magnificent crown jewels of the rulers of the present, one sees everywhere the "Beef-eaters" in their peculiar costume of long blouse and bell-shaped hat, and notices upon the breasts of these old soldiers many a beautiful badge conferred by her Majesty for meritorious conduct in battle. Like the London police, these guards are uniformly kind and polite, and

shook his head pityingly. "Ah, yes, my dear, when any one exaggerates or talks about the huge size of something, we have this expression here in England: 'That's the Brother Jonathan of it for you!'"

Only in the Houses of Parliament does one find the policemen curt and brusque, and it is safe to assume that this suspiciousness of manner has been cultivated only since the dynamite outrage of sixteen years ago. Now all packages, however innocent, are left outside, and visitors are hurried through the great rooms with but scant time to admire the frescoes of the Knights of the Round Table in the Queen's Robing-Room, the House of Lords with its gorgeous red leather upholstery and beautiful oak paneling, and the many other state apartments richly frescoed and adorned with statues.

Among the most interesting of all the sights of London is the Temple, and the briefest walk in its vicinity gives one a glimpse of the quaint Old Curiosity Shop, Chancery Lane, and other localities that from earliest childhood have stood for London to the American. In one of the courts of the Temple is the fountain where it is said Tom Pinch and the little dress-maker used to meet; near by stands a house immortalized as the residence of Charles Lamb and Blackstone; beside the Temple church is the simple grave of Oliver Goldsmith; and within the beautiful little building with its carved black oak furnishings lie sombre mailed figures that mark the graves of the old Knights Templars, those who served in the Crusades lying with their black marble legs sedately crossed.

In the Hall of the Middle Temple, used as a lawyers' dining-room, is shown the oldest flag in the world,—a



HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT.

men who claim it as their Alma Mater.

St. Paul's Cathedral may justly be considered England's Valhalla, and, though the dead heroes it entombs belong in fame and achievement to a nation rather than to the world, yet the spirit of an Anglo-Saxon must ever bow down in obeisance before the monuments of Wellington and Nelson and the fine, strong face of Gordon, as he lies in bronze upon his bier.

But the saddest little burial-place in all the world is the tiny chapel of St. Peter at London Tower. Nearly every name inscribed upon its tombs is a lasting testimony to the cruel bigotry of an age when horrid crimes were perpetrated in the name of the gentle Christ-child. Scarce a head is buried here that has not first been severed from the poor, tortured body, that the aim of church or state might thus be furthered.

Before its very door is the site of the scaffold where Anne Boleyn, Catherine Howard, and Lady Jane Grey last saw the towers that should have stood for law and right. To one side is the Beauchamp Tower where the Dudley family were confined, and on its walls is many an inscription with which they whiled away the long months of their imprisonment. Opposite stands the oldest part of the irregular group of buildings,—the White Tower, where so many black deeds were done, and under its interesting armory and the cold, stone chapel are the rooms where Sir Walter Raleigh languished for weary years.

Passing through an archway in the Bloody Tower, and standing with one's back to the Traitor's Gate, which formerly admitted both the waters of the Thames to the moat and prisoners to the Tower, one gazes up at the window of the room where the little princes were confined and murdered

seem to take an unfeigned pleasure in answering the endless questions which an American, like the little boy, feels he must ask if he is to know anything.

Standing beside one of these kind old men, I watched the great Tower Bridge slowly part in the middle and fold back against the stone piers at either end while a boat steamed be-



TOWER OF LONDON.

tween them on her course up the Thames.

"See that bridge rising so majestic-like," he said, and he went on to dilate upon its huge size and general impressiveness, while I listened impatiently.

We have no ancient history, no wonderful Tower, but we have a Brooklyn bridge,—a fact of which no loyal American could allow a Briton to remain long in ignorance under such trying circumstances.

He listened amiably to my statistics as to its height and length, and then

bit of frayed white silk that would crumble to ashes at a touch, but that waved its red cross and its "Hoc Signo Vinco" above the heads of perhaps those same warriors during the third Crusade.

One's imagination is apt to run riot, however, in the midst of these old relics, being spurred on by the example of the garrulous custodian who shows the credulous visitor the old doors once used on the London Bridge, which he declares was destroyed six hundred years ago. Then with a long forefinger he solemnly taps a fine sult

of engraved steel, and says with all the slow emphasis which so astonishing a statement demands, "This armor was wore by Julius Caesar w'en he besieged Babylon 900 B. C."

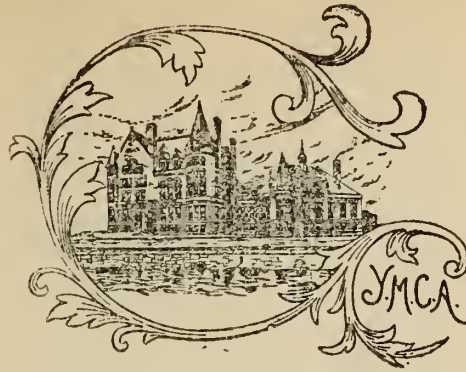
One can see for one's self, however, that the polished carving of the screen and doors at the end of the room is a beautiful specimen of the workmanship of Father Time, and one can quite believe that, if the wonderful oak ceiling was made of the beams of the Spanish Armada, and if the heavy table was taken by Drake from the cabin of the Spanish admiral, as the custodian avers, Queen Elizabeth must indeed have hugely enjoyed sitting under the one and before the other. From the window of the Hall can be seen the Temple Garden, where grew the white and red roses that were the badges of the rival houses of York and Lancaster, and even now at great Temple banquets the white rose of the House of York marks the head of the table.

Driving farther down Fleet street and past the group of buildings on which rests the financial stability of London,—the Bank, the Exchange, and the Mansion House, one soon reaches that portion of London that has called into existence the People's Palace and Teynbee Hall. Admirable as these institutions are, they sadly acknowledge that they fall almost entirely in reaching the grade of society for whose benefit they were first established, their efforts being mainly appreciated by a better class of their neighbors. Rents in this vicinity are often quite as high as those asked in the West End of London, £96 being charged for ten rooms, so that the poor tenants are often turned out, and in this case, at least, they gladly avail themselves of the free legal counsel at the "Hall."

One cannot even drive through this part of London without realizing the crying need for every sort of an institution that can uplift or help humanity in even the slightest degree. For, while the British are the most advanced and liberal nation of Europe, their poor seem the most miserable, hopeless, and wretchedly degraded. They are not happily and carelessly poor like the beggars of Italy, but appear utterly without hope of a better life. They are hungry and savage and reckless and hopeless in turn. They consume more alcohol than any other people, and even the women smoke and fight and carouse upon the streets in the most appalling manner.

It is a great study—this London—from a social, an historical, and an aesthetic point of view; and he who is contemplating a trip abroad cannot be urged too strongly to spend every spare moment in acquiring a thorough understanding of what he is about to see.

The British Museum with its Elgin marbles and Egyptian relics will be nothing but a tiresome succession of corridors to him who is unacquainted with the art of the world, the Thames nothing but a sluggish stream if he is ignorant of the traditions that gather round its banks. He who takes to London the most intimate knowledge of English history and literature will bear the most away, and his trip will prove a delight and inspiration, not only in the present, but in the long years to come.—Florence V. Mead in *The Christian Endeavor World*.



Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

A most successful series of meetings was conducted during the last week in March by Miss Wray of New York city. Miss Wray has had a wide experience and her words, full of earnestness and zeal for the Master, were an inspiration to all who heard them. A number expressed a desire to begin a Christian life, while many more resolved to continue a more consecrated and definite Christian service.

We are glad to have Mr. A. F. Conery, Jr., of Newark, N. J., who was with us several months a year ago, with us again for a month. He has given some very helpful talks at the men's meetings and has also been conducting a series of "heart to heart talks" at 9:30 Sunday mornings. Any who may be interested are cordially invited to attend.

Mr. Charles L. Evarts of Boston, Mass., will address the men's meeting Sunday, March 18th. Miss Marion Rice of Winchester, Mass., will sing. The meeting promises to be of great interest.

The meetings of March 25th and April 1st will each be under the direction of Mr. A. F. Conery, Jr., of Newark, N. J.

A special series of meetings for the Juniors will begin with an illustrated talk next Sunday, March 18th. The Bible Study club meets on Sundays at 3:30 instead of Monday afternoons.

The social given by the reception committee to the members of the young people's societies was a very pleasant occasion.

The Treble Clef quartet, composed of Mrs. E. A. Smith, Mrs. M. L. Roulston, Mrs. V. P. Marwick and Mrs. N. C. Reynolds, gave a concert at the Members' complimentary entertainment on Wednesday evening, March 7th. The selections were well rendered before a large and appreciative audience. Mrs. Harriet Crane Pitblado was accompanist.

The members enjoyed a pleasant social evening Tuesday, March 13th. A delightful program was given by a few of our own members.

The regular monthly meeting of the Women's Auxiliary will be Thursday, March 15th at 3 p. m., in Fraternity hall. Mrs. E. S. Ferry, who spoke so interestingly at a former meeting, will give a brief address. A full attendance is desired. The executive committee meets in the parlor at 2:15 o'clock.

WARBURTON CHAPEL.

During January the Sunday school attendance was a good beginning for

the new year. The smallest was 175 and the largest 177.

During this month there seemed little sickness among the children, but on the first of February diphtheria again made its appearance and still continues.

On March 4th the attendance at Sunday school was 182, the largest since Children's Day. Twenty new scholars and five teachers have joined the school since January 1st.

The Young People's meetings on Sunday evening are interesting, with an average attendance of twenty-five. This winter we are studying the lives of the Old Testament heroes and leaders.

The weekly teachers' meetings have been well sustained but owing to sickness in many homes the attendance has not averaged as large as usual. These gatherings have proved unusually attractive by the contributions from the teachers, and occasionally an address from some experienced worker outside our own number.

The regular attendance at the various clubs for the girls and the boys tells of a continued interest on their part which is gratifying to their leaders. At the banking hour many amusing incidents are noted. Some children bringing small sums at infrequent times while others promptly and regularly appear with their week's savings. One depositor of the latter class has saved \$6 since October.

The Sunday school singing books and several of the library books have been rebound.

Our choir gave a social to their friends on the evening of January 26. Indoor football played by hand was one of the interesting parts of the program.

Class socials have been held, Miss Hopkins' class and Mr. Tracy's uniting for one and Mrs. Tracy's with Miss Pye's girls for another.

"Everybody's Evening" was announced by tickets for March 2. The chapel was filled with the children of the Sunday school with parents and friends. The program consisted of music and pictures. There was singing by the audience of popular hymns and several solos by Miss Louise Allen. The pictures which were shown by Mr. J. Coolidge Hills with his large stereopticon lantern were illustrations of a journey through California and along the shores of Alaska. The singing by Miss Allen produced hearty applause and at the close of the evening the company voted their thanks to Miss Allen and Mr. Hills for the evening's entertainment. At the close of the program it was announced that Mrs. Shepherd was present and would meet her friends in the teachers' room. Mrs. Shepherd was the chapel visitor and helper from 1888 to 1892.

On March 5th the superintendent received a letter from Miss Mix, one of our teachers, now spending the winter in California and Mexico, another from Mr. John P. Gavit, formerly superintendent at the chapel, now at the Chicago Commons and a third from Rev. H. Post, a former teacher, now pastor of the A. M. A. Congregational church of Lafolette, Tenn.

An electric light recently placed in front of the chapel is a great improvement to the neighborhood.



SOUTH PARK METHODIST.

A public meeting in the interests of the Woman's Home Missionary Society was held in the church Monday evening, March 5. Mrs. Beller, wife of a former pastor of the church, spoke of the work of the society in Alaska, she having spent six months in travel all through that country.

At the last Quarterly Conference, held Monday evening, March 5th, a cordial invitation was extended to the pastor, Rev. E. S. Ferry, to return for another year, and it was cordially accepted.

We are now upon the last month of the conference year. Few churches are closing the year in better condition than South Park, or have a brighter outlook for another year. "All at it, and always at it" is the price of success in the church as well as elsewhere.

A class for Bible study is held at the parsonage on Thursday mornings at 10 o'clock. Mrs. E. S. Ferry is the leader of the class and gives an exposition of the Sunday school lesson for the following Sunday.

On Sunday evening, March 4th, Mrs. Charlotte R. Parsons, who came to our church by letter in November '98, passed away. She had suffered for years, but labored in patience unto the last.

The members of the Naomi circle of King's Daughters have been writing an original missionary story, each member supplying a chapter. On Friday evening, March 23d, they will give an entertainment at which their story will be read.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL EAST HARTFORD.

A reception to Rev. and Mrs. B. Tuthill, February 27, was a very enjoyable occasion. There was a large attendance, and Miss Anna D. Pratt and Mrs. R. S. Gaines furnished the musical selections. Refreshments were served by the ladies of the Benevolent society and Mission circle, under whose auspices the reception was given.

Three members united with the church this month, by letter.

A new singing book, "In Excelsis, for school and chapel," has been adopted for Sunday school and chapel use.

The eastern section of the Hartford C. E. Union met with our society this month. President Goslee presided and addresses were made by Rev. W. B. Tuthill, Rev. G. J. Newton, Rev. G. F. Waters, Mr. N. B. Bassett, and Rev. F. P. Baeheler.

PARKVILLE METHODIST.

The Rev. Alfred Skinner, pastor of

the Trinity Methodist Episcopal church, Springfield, Mass., will lecture on "Yellowstone Park" Friday evening, March 16th, in the church, under the auspices of the Juniors.

The second anniversary of the Osborn Praying Band was observed Wednesday evening, March 7th. Delegates were present from Bands in New Britain, Hartford and Meriden, together with several clergymen. Speeches, and a bountiful supper were enjoyed by every one.

The trustees have been empowered to sell the old church. Nearly one-half of the needed three-fourth is of the cost of the new church has been subscribed, mostly by Hartford people, only \$3,000 is needed to reduce the amount of indebtedness to the point where the society can easily carry it. This will come, and building will begin May 1st next.

FIRST BAPTIST.

Two weeks of special meetings closed on Saturday the 17th. These meetings have been well attended and have been of very great interest.

During the month one of the oldest members of our church died, Rev. Albert Guy. He was a man universally loved and respected and he will be greatly missed.

The federation of churches, of which our church will probably be a part, is arousing much interest and enthusiasm among our members especially since Professor Perry's recent address to us.

The Young People's Association annual meeting and the Young Men's league have both been postponed till later dates in order to cause no interruption in our special services.

A recent missionary meeting was given up to a consideration of the life and work of Pandita Ramabai, the noble woman who has caused so many reforms among the people of India.

OLIVET BAPTIST.

During the past month the Evangeline circle gave a baked-bean supper which was a decided success. The proceeds were about fifteen dollars. After supper the pastor and members welcomed new friends and invited them to the services of the church. A very enjoyable evening was passed. Also during the month the same society gave a measuring party, which was enjoyed by all who attended.

During the coming month the Christian Endeavor society expect to give a musicale, which we hope will be well patronized. We have received new members during the past month, but are hoping and praying for the future.

HOCKANUM CONGREGATIONAL.

There was a large attendance and all were well pleased at the recital given by Miss Mary Wolcott of Wethersfield, assisted by the Hartford High School Glee club. The proceeds were added to the Y. P. S. C. E. treasury.

At the consecration meeting of the Junior's two members were added, and three proposals for membership were received.

The Ladies' Aid society gave an entertainment March 12th to cancel the debt on the piano.

March 20th a drama "The Burglar Alarm" will be given, for the benefit of the starving children of India.

GLENWOOD CONGREGATIONAL.

On March 2d the Choral club of the church gave a very pleasing concert, assisted by Miss Mary Pervo, violin soloist; Mr. Frank Hysel, trombone soloist, and an orchestra consisting of pupils of Miss Pervo.

The purpose of the concert was to get funds to buy new books for the club.

Miss Grace Sexton, superintendent of the Primary department, is home sick with "La Grippe."

Mr. F. Haskell Smith, our former superintendent, and his wife were in town a few days the first of the month.

We hear that Mr. Phipps is well and quite successful in his new business.

Our organist, Miss Maud Wills, has decided to give up playing for awhile as her health is not good.

The "Round Table" held its regular session March 6th. The boys always enjoy themselves playing different games. At times they have lectures on different subjects by members of the Congregation.

Mr. F. A. Seaver, one of our deacons, was with us Sunday, March 4th, he is working in New Haven.

Miss May Richmond will take the place of Miss Wills, playing the organ during the latter's recovery to health.

On March 14th the Ladies' Aid society gave a Clam Chowder supper, followed by a social and entertainment.

The Missionary department of the church has joined the Woman's Connecticut Union, Mrs. Geo. Penro, president and Mrs. H. DeWitt Williams secretary.

The Motherhood circle will meet Friday, March 16th, at which time Mrs. Gray, chairman, will read some very important reports; there will also be a paper on "Books in the Home and How to Use Them."

There are quite a number of our members confined to their homes on account of sickness, we hope to see them about soon.

ASYLUM AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

A start has been made towards a fund for a Parish house. It is much needed in the activities of the church. An entertainment of music and tableaux given for this purpose, on March 5th, netted about \$145, and reflected great credit on the managers. The \$2,000 previously raised was used in clearing the church debt.

A very interesting meeting was held by the Young People's society, February 18, the first of a series of missionary meetings. Japan was the subject.

A very general and great grief prevails throughout the church over the loss of Mrs. Lester H. Goodwin, who has been the unusually successful and beloved superintendent of the Primary department for a number of years, and has been identified largely with the work of the church in other directions. In spite of the feeling of need for her, the greatest loss is the personal one of her charming and cheering presence. Her family have the sympathy of all in their affliction.

OPEN HEARTH.

The attendance at the Open Hearth is constantly increasing, and the reading room is usually well filled with persons who delight in a place where they can sit and rest as well as enjoy the warmth of the cheerful fire.

The number attending the services is also good and the Sunday evening services in particular, are crowded. Hardly an evening passes without a number declaring their intention of leading a better life in the future, and many show their earnestness and determination by their conduct.

Superintendent Miller is at his office every morning, and often until late at night, ready to give advice to all in trouble. The calls upon him are numerous, and all receive his sympathy and help in some way.

The introduction of the motor power for sawing wood in the wood yard has proved a success and wood of any length both hard and soft can now be furnished. Many poor men avail themselves of the wood yard as a means of working to pay their board while looking for work.

The mission is doing a vast amount of good and is fully appreciated by our citizens.

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL.

The deaths of Major George Woods, the senior deacon of this church, and Hon. Henry C. Robinson, who was identified with it in innumerable ways, occurring in the same week were severe blows to the pastor and members which, however, the church met in a truly Christian spirit. Dr. Parker's sermon on February 18th, following this week of affliction, from the text "Thy will be done" was an inspiration to all who heard it and those who came to that service with hearts full of sorrow, doubtless left it, sad indeed, but confident in the over-ruling providence of God and happy in the privilege of actively doing His will.

On February 25 the pastor exchanged with Rev. Joseph H. Twichell.

The Sunday school is in a particularly prosperous condition, the announcements of the attendance from the superintendent's desk have created a good natured rivalry between the boys and girls to secure the largest number, the boys, however, always winning thus far.

The Young People's meeting, February 18th, was led by Mr. W. M. Schumaker; February 25th, Mr. H. J. Gillette, always a favorite guest of our society, visited us and conducted the meeting; March 4th, Mr. Lynn N. Irwin, the Religious department secretary of the Y. M. C. A. came to us bringing some of the association men with him, all of whom we were glad to see, he gave us an exceptionally interesting talk; March 11th, Mr. Olin H. Clark led, it was a very thoughtful and profitable meeting.

Friday evening, March 9th, the Young Men's society and the Pastor's Aid society united in giving a social entertainment in the chapel. Mr. Edwin T. Northam was present with a graphophone, and after a pleasing musical program, games for the children upstairs, and the grown people down stairs, and then refreshments, followed. General James H. Jarman as

president of the Young Men's society, was the leading spirit of the evening which was greatly enjoyed by all.

The Sewing society teas have been very successful and pleasant affairs, the last one occurred Friday, March 16. The Mission study class has now taken up the study of India, they expect to meet next at the parsonage Monday, March 19th. A missionary barrel destined for Oklahoma was packed at the chapel March 8th.

The Ecclesiastical society's annual meeting was held in the chapel on the evening of March 5th.

Mr. John T. Robinson was chosen a member of the church committee at a meeting held February 28th, the committee having been empowered to fill the vacancy in its membership.

NEW BRITAIN AVENUE SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION.

The Ladies' Aid society gave an Old Fashioned Supper, February 26th, with an old time character entertainment. The ladies were gowned in costumes fashioned after that of "Mistress Content Cradock," the heroine of Miss Trumbull's quaint tale of New England life. The evening was enjoyed by a large number and the receipts were given to the mission for the chair fund.

Our chorister, Miss Agard, has begun a good work in forming into a choir the young misses of the school. What is missed in technique is fully made up in the sweetness of their fresh young voices. All regret that illness has deprived the school of Miss Agard's services for the last two weeks and we sincerely hope she will soon be with us again.

March 4th a most interesting letter was read by Miss Whitaker from Miss Angel of India. It gave a clear word picture of the little ones being gathered in from the famine-stricken district by the missionaries.

The school was much impressed by the letter and at once voted to assume the support of one of the children. Mrs. Charles Belden's class became responsible for another.

The amount for the "Mount Carmel Home" has been increased to seven dollars and twenty cents (\$7.20) since the last issue of The Review. The Infant Department giving nearly one-half of the sum.

The King's Daughters have been doing some good work in their house to house soliciting for the poor this winter. There might have been some real suffering had it not been for the constant work of these faithful ones.

A word of thanks would not be out of place for the Devotional committee for the able speakers that they have secured for the Sunday evening meetings. Since the opening of the year there have been many to fill the reading desk that it must have cost a great effort to obtain.

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

The Men's League held their monthly meeting, Thursday, March 8th. A paper was read by the Rev. Mr. Lines of St. Paul's church, New Haven, on "The Career of John Brown." The vestrymen of the Episcopal churches in Hartford were the guests of the

League. The address was very interesting and closely followed.

Coffee and crackers were served by the Daughters of the King. An inspection of the Parish building and social time followed.

The first of the Lenten services on Friday evenings were well attended. They will be held each Friday evening during Lent in the church.

Meetings for communicants and others will be held Tuesday evenings at the Parish house during Lent. The rector to make the invitation more definite has asked those who have been confirmed during his rectorship; but all members are welcomed. Addresses will be made by Dr. Hart and others.

The church and the Men's League have lost a faithful and loyal member in Mr. R. E. Nichols who died Wednesday, February 28th, after a short illness. He was president of the Men's League three years ago, when it was first organized. The rector spoke very tenderly of him at the funeral service, Sunday, March 4th.

The Men's League have recently completed a bowling tournament. Prizes for the three best averages were awarded by the rector.

WINDSOR CONGREGATIONAL.

About twelve members of the Endeavor society have organized a mission study class. Eight lessons on China will be the first course. The Endeavor society also intend to purchase a missionary library.

The impulse towards these forms of missionary activity was given us by the visit of Messrs. Smith and Gaylord of the Hartford Theological seminary. At our meeting February 25th, they gave a very inspiring talk on the importance of using systematic methods to impart missionary knowledge and arouse missionary enthusiasm.

At our social Wednesday evening, March 7th, Dr. King gave an interesting talk on "The germ theory as related to practical hygiene."

In the death of Lewis Sykes of Wilson Station, which occurred March 8th our church lost a faithful member.

SECOND ADVENT.

Rev. F. L. Piper, secretary of the Home and Foreign Mission society was with us Sunday, February 25th in the interest of missions, particularly the China Mission, having with him Miss Burke, who, with another young lady, sails the last of March, for China to join our missionaries already in Nanking. A collection for the work was taken, which amounted to fifteen dollars.

The sum of fifteen dollars has been recently sent from the Sunday school mission fund to Boston, to aid the Bible Training school, and about thirty dollars collected by and through the efforts of the Sunday school, sent to the Mt. Carmel Home for Children.

Sunday evening, March 18th, at 7:30 o'clock, a baptismal service will take the place of the regular evening service.

The annual business meeting of the church society will be held March 28th at 7:30 p. m.

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THE MERCANTILE IDEA.

This is a mercantile age, and a mercantile country, but nowhere is the lack of mercantile methods more woefully apparent than in our churches. Business corporations could never exist under such unsystematic and indefinite methods as prevail in most of our churches. It is seen in church records, where the statistics are not only misleading but actually deceptive. It is seen in church financiering where ten dollars is required to do the work on dollar should do, or where one dollar is raised with difficulty, when ten dollars should be spontaneously offered. It is seen in church organization where ten societies seek to accomplish, with more or less mutual friction, what should be, and vastly better could be, done by one strong organization under an able and acknowledged leader.

The churches are slowly awakening to these facts and much needed reforms are being inaugurated in many quarters.

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In some respects the mercantile idea is apparent in a very objectiona-

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ble form, as is indicated in newspaper reports of "church entertainments." Here is a sample:

"The annual fair of the First — church society was opened last night at — hall. The novelties given included a traveling grab-bag, the parts being taken by Frank Crowell and Miss Molly Sawyer. They created much merriment by their antics. In the mystery room many novelties were shown and there the post office was located. The representation of Jack Horner and his pie was given under the charge of Mrs. R. Hines, and the wheel-of-fortune found many patrons. —Haverhill (Mass.) Gazette."

Affairs of this kind do actually bring many dollars sometimes into the treasuries of churches or church societies, but they are not worth the cost. The people whose religion is not worth paying for unless a "prize package" of some sort is thrown in, are of little value to any church. Church entertainments in themselves may be harmless, and even productive of very pleasant and desirable social relations in a church, but as a method of raising money for God's work, they too often defeat their own purpose, and discredit the religion of Jesus Christ.

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Another respect in which the mercantile idea assumes a very objectionable form, is where, in some churches, the pastor is placed on the hired-man basis. This is both unscriptural and un-Christian, and tends to destroy the spiritual relations which should always exist between pastor and people. It is harmful to any church to look upon such a relation as a commercial one. By placing the pastor in such a false position he is at once lowered in the respect of his people, and he becomes instead of their leader, their hired servant. Under such conditions he finds but poor encouragement and support in his work; and he cannot well give what is denied to him, that cordial and generous sympathy, which, of all places, should most prevail in the church of God. The money question must have consideration, of course, for scripturally, the pastor is entitled to a living, but most emphatically, he is no mere hireling. He is ordained to God's service—the shepherd over Christ's sheep. His occupation is not a mercantile one, but of all human callings the most holy.

CHURCH ADVERTISING.

One of our exchanges has the following interesting item in regard to church advertising:

Word comes from Chicago that the South Park Avenue M. E. church has

advertisements in great colored letters painted on the billboards announcing location, hours of service, name of pastor, etc., "strong preaching" and "excellent music" being starred as features. It is also reported that the pastor, Rev. William A. Burch, favors newspaper advertising also.

The Chicago preacher shows enterprise, but we are inclined to think one of Toledo's best and most highly respected pastors is accomplishing the same result in a more dignified, less sensational and more effective manner. We refer to Dr. William A. Powell, of the First Presbyterian church, who has made a yearly contract with the Bee, and whose advertisement was two columns wide and one inch deep, top of column next to theatrical reading matter; and it read:

DR. POWELL TOMORROW.

10:30 a. m.—"Shining as the Stars."

7:30 p. m.—"Purity of Heart."

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Huron, one block south of Cherry.

That tells the story. It is good advertising. It is dignified. It offends no one's sense of propriety. It commands respect as well as attention.

The advertising of a church is as proper and legitimate, as advertising anything else, a fact too often overlooked. But sensational advertising is neither desirable, nor effective in accomplishing the best results. Hartford is ahead of some communities in this matter, but are not our Hartford churches advertised too modestly considering that the advertisement appears but once a week?

CHURCH FEDERATION.

The present movement in Hartford toward church federation is a most hopeful undertaking, with great possibilities for effective achievements. Many dangers beset the launching of this new organization, and much mutual tact and forbearance will be needed, especially at the start, but as soon as it is fairly launched it will doubtless demonstrate its own value, and secure the united support of all of Hartford's churches and religious interests. Some of the aims of the Federation are set forth in an interesting article by Rev. Geo. M. Stone, D. D. on another page.

REFORMING POSTAL LAWS.

Congressman Loud is again trying to reform the postal laws, but the reforms planned by him seem to make a bad matter worse, especially as they apply to publishers.

Here is a sample of the way the present postal laws apply: If four thousand copies of The Church Review were mailed at the Hartford post office

addressed to four thousand different individuals, all living within a radius of one quarter of a mile of the post office, the government would charge \$40.

If four thousand copies were mailed to as many individuals residing in the states of California or Texas, involving the government in heavy charges for transportation, the total charges would be about one-eighth of the above, or \$5.

If four thousand such copies were mailed to subscribers at any or all of the smaller towns in Hartford county, the government would charge not one cent.

Room enough for reform, surely, but Congressman Loud's reform is one which so complicates matters that an expert is needed in every publisher's office to determine rates of postage. Let us have a true and business like reform in our postal laws.

MEDIATION IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Haven't both Britons and Boers had enough of war by this time to satisfy them? Is it not in order now, and is it not the privilege of the United States, to offer mediation? Here is the text of part of the international agreement for the arbitration of differences, as drawn up and signed at the recent Hague Peace Conference.

TITLE FIRST—THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE.

Article 1. For the purpose of preventing as much as possible recourse to force in the relations between states, the signatory powers agree to employ all their efforts to insure the peaceful adjustment of international differences.

TITLE SECOND—OF FRIENDLY OFFICES AND MEDIATION.

Article 2. In case of serious dissension or of conflict, before the appeal to arms the signatory powers agree to have recourse, as far as circumstances will permit, to the friendly offices or to the mediation of one or of several friendly powers.

Article 3. Independently of this resort, the signatory powers think it to be useful that one or more powers which have no part in the conflict MAY OFFER OF THEIR OWN VOLITION, so far as circumstances may make it appropriate, their friendly offices or their mediation to the states engaged in the conflict. The right to offer these friendly offices or mediation is absolute in the powers which take no part in the conflict, EVEN DURING HOSTILITIES. THE EXERCISE OF THIS RIGHT SHALL NEVER BE CONSIDERED BY EITHER OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONTEST AS AN UNFRIENDLY ACT.

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Through the courtesy of Mr. C. H. Salmons, editor of the Locomotive Engineers' Journal, we are able to use the excellent cut of London Bridge that appears as our frontispiece. An interesting article on Paris, edited by Mr. Salmons, will appear in our April number.

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As we go to press the death is announced of Dr. George Leon Walker, pastor emeritus of Center church. It is too late to give any account of his life in this issue, but we hope to have a sketch of his life and work in our April number.

As we go to press Rev. Mr. Sheldon begins his experiment of running a paper on a strictly Christian basis. While a single week can hardly prove whether a paper could be a successful business venture under such a management, still the experiment will be watched with great interest all over the country.

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The very interesting series of addresses at the South Baptist church, by clergymen of the different denominations in Hartford, on their respective beliefs, has awakened much interest. It was a graceful act for the pastor of the church to give the other pastors such a fair and open hearing, and the invitations were accepted with good faith, and with good results, too, we trust, in drawing our denominations a little closer together.

BUSINESS AND PLEASURE.

Thousands of people today stand ready to testify as to the efficacy of Dr. Grove's Herb Extract as a cure for all blood diseases. Among those who testify are people who have been cured of Inflammatory Rheumatism, Biliousness, Dyspepsia, Grippe, Malaria, abscesses, Chills, etc. As a blood purifier it is unexcelled. As a cure for Malaria it is famous. It is sold not only in large quantities in the United States but also in foreign countries, a large order having just been received from Venezuela, South America.

"Lester, dear," said Mrs. Giddings anxiously to her husband, "I don't like that cough of yours." "I'm sorry," replied Giddings, "but it is the best I have."—Harper's Bazaar.

Mr. Thomas L. Dowling announces that he is now nicely settled again at the old stand, No. 448 Asylum street, and ready to give attention to anything in the line of Practical Plumbing and Gas Fitting. The new store shows many improvements over the old.

At Olmsted's Bicycle store, 182 Pearl street, a fine line of new models can be seen. The famous "Andrae" will be the leader for 1900.

Scene—Editor's sanctum. Printer (rushing in excitedly)—Here's a go! Johnson, the murderer, has just been found innocent, and the government has telegraphed a pardon. We've got the whole account of the hanging set up, with illustrations, and the form is on the press.

Editor (cooly)—Don't get excited, man. Just put over the account in capitals: "Johnson Pardoned. Full Account of What He Escaped!"—Pearson's Weekly.

Messrs. Cobb and Dickerson have opened the Aetna Laundry and are turning out first class work. Mr. Cobb is also identified with one of the leading New Haven laundries.

"Send in your items of news when they are fresh," says "The Salisbury (Mo.) Press." "We don't like to publish a birth after the child is weaned, a marriage after the honeymoon is over, a death after the widow is mar-

ried again, nor the notice of an entertainment after the job work is done elsewhere and the editor is charged for admission."

"My curiosity is running away with me," said the farmer, when his two-headed calf got loose and towed him round the barnyard.

MODERN DENTISTRY.

During the past year Dr. Heber H. Beadle opened a dental office in the Sage and Allen Building, and he has had a successful practice from the start. Dr. Beadle came to Hartford well equipped for his profession, having graduated from the Dental Department of the Baltimore Medical College with the highest honors in his class. Dr. Beadle's office is very conveniently located, and is equipped with the most modern mechanical appliances adopted by the profession.

One of our United States vessels lying in the port of Naples some years ago was visited by a large number of shore dignitaries in most gorgeous uniforms, one of whom, carelessly leaning against a canvas ventilating shaft, vanished quickly to the lower regions. An old tar who saw the performance, went to the officer of the deck, and, touching his hat, said: "If you please, sir, one of them kings has just tumbled down the hatchway."—Exchange.

Spring tomes are now in order. All leading makes are sold at Rapelye's drug stores including his own well known brand. Those who prefer to brew their own bitters can procure all the requirements at Rapelye's.

Proud mother—"Oh, John, the baby can walk!"

Cruel Father—"Good. He can walk the floor with himself at night then."—Tit-Bits.

A lady visiting a hospital gave a soldier, who had lost both legs, a tract on the sin of dancing.

Messrs. Van Name and Company are making a marked success in the coal business. The reason is found in the quality of coal they sell, which invariably gives the best satisfaction. Prompt deliveries are also insured their patrons.

"So George is at Harvard now!"

"Oh, yes; this is his second year, you know, he has just entered the sycamore class."

Dr. Crane, dentist, No. 8 State street, informs us that his office is the oldest dental office in Connecticut, having been established by his uncle, Dr. J. W. Crane, in the year 1827, or nearly seventy years ago. The office has always sustained a reputation for executing every branch of dentistry in a superior manner. The doctor advertises to do painless dentistry, and his numerous patients testify that such is the fact. Doctor Crane's prices and terms are made perfectly satisfactory to all. Dr. Hunt, his assistant, treats his patients kindly and patiently, and whether in filling, crowning, or any other branch, gives perfect satisfaction.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

HARTFORD UNION NOTES.

The meeting of the Central Section was held with the Park Congregational society Wednesday evening, February 28th, and the Eastern Section held their meeting a week later, March 7th, with the East Hartford Congregational society.

The meeting of the Northern Section is to be held with the Windsor Avenue Congregational society March 14th and the Northwestern Section hold a meeting with the Avon Congregational society the following evening, March 15th.

Last Tuesday evening, the directors of the Southern Section met at the home of their new vice president, Mr. Brooks, and made arrangements for their meeting, the time and place to be announced later.

The plan of these Sectional meetings this month was to use the United Society topics viz.: "A Why and How Meeting."

Each Endeavorer is asked to take notice that at each one of these meetings an announcement has been made that the semi-annual meeting next month, will take the form of a prison-reform council. It is hoped that for an address on this evening, we may be able to secure some one thoroughly acquainted with the subject.

HARTFORD JUNIOR PROHIBITION LEAGUE.

At the regular meeting of the Hartford Junior Prohibition League Monday evening, March 5, the subject under consideration was "My Idea of the Best Means of Coping with the Liquor Traffic." After a short talk by the president, several interesting papers were read.

The meeting of the League Monday evening, March 12, consisted of a social. Much time was given up to the game of Crokinole.

Monday evening, March 19, the Prohibitionists of Manchester will unite with the Hartford Junior Prohibition League at their room No. 302 Asylum street, and an interesting program is anticipated, a part of which will be a short address by Rev. Mr. Bartholomew of the South Manchester M. E. church. All are cordially invited to attend.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR CONVENTION.

The World's Christian Endeavor convention, which is to be held in London during July and the Paris exposition, which opens in April will be attended by many from the United States and it is expedient for those who are thinking of going, to engage their ocean passage at once. For those who desire to go under personal escort we have some 80 tours from \$190 up.

As agents for the principal steamship lines we can furnish individual tickets for those who desire to travel independent. If you are interested, write Carleton & French, 78 Pearl St. Circulars will be gladly sent if desired.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR PRAYER MEETING TOPICS.

(From the Presbyterian C. E. Manual.)

March 18.—"Ye must be born again."—John 3:1-15.
TOPIC THOUGHTS.

Some one has said, "Born once, die twice; born twice, die once."

The new birth is into new life. If we are living a new life we may be sure of our new birth.

The best reformation comes by regeneration.

The new birth cannot be explained, but it can be experienced.

He who is born of the Spirit will not walk in the flesh.

God has a high mission for every soul that is born anew.

Every son of God is of royal birth.

The new life is free, not being bound with earth's chains.

The new life is glad, for joy is the Christian's birthright.

The new life is pure, for it is cleansed by the Spirit.

March 25.—The glory of obedience.—Matt. 21:28-32.
TOPIC THOUGHTS.

Today is the only time to obey.

Nothing can take the place of obedience. If we deny God that, we deny him everything.

Blessings belong only to the obedient.

Saul made a great sacrifice to God, but he disobeyed him. Therefore he was rejected from being king.

Obedience is the school of excellence. God cares more for obedience than for talents.

Fair words are no substitute for obedience.

Nothing is heroic except obedience.

The angels obey, and so must all who enter heaven.

Disobedience is disloyalty.

Fruitfulness follows faithfulness.

Obedience is the sign of sonship.

Disobedience destroys discipline.

Distress follows disobedience. We cannot disobey God and be happy.

April 1.—Always ready.—Luke 21:29-36; 12:35-40.
TOPIC THOUGHTS.

Unpreparedness is the secret of most failures in fortune and in soul.

The ready reign.

An open eye is best armor.

They whose look is fixed high cannot live low.

A guest is welcome only in a prepared home.

The ready long for Christ's coming; the unready dread it.

To be prepared is to be fearless.

Idleness is never readiness; we are prepared only when we are busy.

Ready for Christ, ready for anything.

Opportunities are only judgments to the unready.

Earth is but a place in which to get ready to live.

The sinful are never ready for Christ's coming.

Always ready, never sorry.

Preparation precedes power.

April 8.—Christ our Missionary Model.—John 4:5-15.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

Christ was not above an audience of one—and a poor one at that.

Christ never lost sight of his commission. He was always about his Father's business.

For the sake of a soul Christ was willing to go hungry.

Christ could not be diverted by a controversy from preaching the gospel.

Christ loved men more than he loved himself.



Conducted by Mr. George Whipple Steele.

Questions on musical subjects of general interest will be answered in this department.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Mr. R.—You will find "In Excelsis," published by The Century Co., a book of sterling merit, and one that your committee should thoroughly examine before deciding the question.

What children sing, both in words and song, should be carefully considered.

Miss B., East Hartford.—Shirmen's long expected "Biographical Dictionary of Musicians" is published. It will be found a convenient book for teachers and amateurs. The editor has used good judgment in selecting and compiling his material, and the publisher has shown excellent taste in the general appearance of the work.

Mrs. K., Hartford.—Advanced technique, for the pianoforte is fairly represented by such works as "Daily Studies," by Joseffy; "School of Modern Pianoforte Virtuosity," by Rosenthal and Schytte, and "Daily Technical Studies" by Beringer. Over thirty-two thousand copies of Beringer's method have been sold and the sale goes on as lively as ever. William Mason, in his well known method has made it impossible for a pupil to fail of securing a good legato touch. His work on the use of the pedal is also much sought after. There are other works published by various houses, but the above will give you a good idea of technical works for the advanced student.

Mrs. W.—Hartford. Mr. Burmister is well known in the musical world. He is thoroughly devoted to his art, and is one of our leading musicians. It is a pleasure to say something in his favor.

Miss C.—Windsor. You are mistaken. Lassen was born in Copenhagen in 1830. He has been prominent as a conductor and composer. Some of his songs have been and now are very popular.

Additional Churches.

WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

The King's Daughters met at Mrs. Bailey's Friday, March 9th. Mr. Eldon is expected home April 1st. The King's Daughters are preparing a bundle for the orphanage in Philadelphia.

ST. THOMAS CHURCH.

Bishop Brewster made his annual visitation to the parish on Sunday evening, March 11th, and preached a very interesting and instructive sermon, to a large congregation, and confirmed a class of sixteen.

On Sunday evening, March 18th, it is expected that the Rev. C. G. Bristol, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd will preach.

The Lenten services until Holy Week will be held in the chapel on Wednesday afternoons at 4:30 and Friday evenings at 7:45.

The exhibition of Mrs. Jarley's Wax Works given by the Young People's club, February 20th, was a great success, the hall being completely filled, many standing up. Miss Robbins of Wethersfield made a very entertaining Mrs. Jarley, and the club feel very grateful to Miss Robbins and to several other friends not members of the club, for doing so much to make the affair such a success. All the figures were well represented.

BLOOMFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

For several weeks our Endeavor meetings have been given up in order to unite with the Methodist and Baptist churches in a series of evangelistic services. Meetings have been held nearly every night either at private houses, district school houses or the churches. The attendance has been very encouraging and a number of young people have been led to begin the Christian life. Another result has been the developing of new interest and an active participation on the part of some, who, although members of the church, have heretofore given but slight evidence of the "hope that was in them." A men's meeting held before the regular Sunday evening service has been instrumental in interesting a number of young men, whose presence and help in the other services has contributed much to their success. The general desire is that the work shall continue, and we trust with still larger results.

Arrangements have been perfected for the meeting of the Northwest Section of the Hartford union at Avon, March 15th. A number of our members are planning to attend.

At our recent semi-annual meeting, the following persons were elected to office: President, Herbert S. Welles; vice president, Frederick C. Bidwell; secretary and treasurer, William Martin Brown, with the usual complement of committees.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST.

On the thirteenth of February, Fannie Simonds went to her home in Heaven. Her life has been lived in Christ. Possessed of a strong character, bright and sunny in disposition,

and having a very loving heart, she exerted a blessed influence over all who came in contact with her. She will be inexpressibly missed, not only in the home church, but by a large circle of friends here and elsewhere. Whittier has written words which express very truly our thought of her:

"Another hand is beckoning us,
Another call is given;
And glows once more with Angel-steps
The path which reaches Heaven.

And half we deemed she needed not
The changing of her sphere,
To give to Heaven a Shining One
Who walked an Angel here.

We miss her in the place of prayer,
And by the hearth-fire's light;
We pause beside her door to hear
Once more her sweet "Good-night!"

Alone unto our Father's will
One thought has reconciled;
That He whose love exceedeth ours
Hath taken home His child.

Fold her, O Father! in Thine arms,
And let her henceforth be
A messenger of love between
Our human hearts and Thee.

SUFFIELD STREET CHAPEL.

The money is being collected for some new hymn books for the C. E. society.

Extensive repairs are being made on the interior of the chapel.

The Cottage Prayer meetings held by our society are quite beneficial and well attended.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

W. O. Buckeley, Jr., president; Miss Daisy Coleman, vice president; L. A. Wiley, treasurer; M. T. Smith, secretary; Mrs. A. C. Thompson, junior superintendent.

The chairmen of committees are:
Mrs. L. A. Wiley, lookout; Clyde R. Smith, prayer meeting; Thos. H. Day, social; Carleton W. Starbuck, missionary; Geo. W. Fleming, temperance; Miss Grace M. Knox, music.

FOURTH CONGREGATIONAL.

The newest organization here is the Men's club, which has recently been organized. It will hold about five or six meetings in the year at which supper and entertainment will be provided for members and friends. The club fee is \$1.50 per annum. Over sixty members have joined so far.

The three Christian Endeavor societies have had their turn at socials in the past few weeks. The regular society took a practical view of their Valentine social and made \$25 out of it. At the other socials a good time was aimed for and reached successfully.

The regular Christian Endeavor society is getting down to business. It holds monthly business meetings. It has a good mission study class led by Mr. Barker of the Seminary. It has taken charge of the weekly prayer meeting.

As yet the only Lenten services are weekly cottage prayer meetings.

Yoke Fellows meetings are picking

up wonderfully both on Tuesday and Sunday mornings. If doubters need faith strengthened, come and hear living testimonies.

Our monthly teachers' meetings combine, eating, sociability and instruction and are quite successful. A new feature has been to divide the instruction hour into two divisions, one for primary, the other for adult and intermediate department. This change has been much appreciated by primary teachers.

A weekly teachers' meeting for study of lesson is held every Thursday evening from 7:15 to 8. Visitors are welcome.

A new supplemental lesson course was recently brought to the attention of the superintendent. It is the most complete yet published. It is by Mr. Smith of Berlin, Conn.

UNITY CHURCH.

Mr. Waite's class has continued its study of the life and works of John Ruskin.

On March 4th Mr. Waite preached his annual sermon at Cornell university. In Mr. Waite's absence the pulpit was filled by Rev. Mr. Scott, of New York, who preached to us on "Self-effacement and Self-Fulfillment."

The Sunday school social was held February 23d in the parlors of the church. The entertainment consisted of Mother Goose tableaux and recitations appropriate to Washington's birthday.

The Unity Social club held a business meeting March 8th.

The Sewing circle has held its regular meetings and continued its work for the North Street Social Settlement.

The Woman's Alliance has held its regular meetings during the month and is continuing its study of Lowell.

TRINITY CHURCH.

The Lenten offering of the Sunday school goes this year, as usual, to the Foreign and Domestic Missionary Society.

The scholars meet Friday evenings at the home of Mr. Rees, during Lent, to practice carols for the Easter service, and call themselves the Sunday school choir.

Competition is sharp among several classes to capture the honor of carrying the banner in the Easter procession.

Rev. Geo. K. MacNaught of Grace chapel, preaches Sunday evenings during Lent; and on Wednesday evenings the rector delivers a series of addresses on the "Spiritual Life."

WETHERSFIELD METHODIST.

Elder Adams was with us Saturday evening March 3d at which time the Quarterly conference was held. Most of the officers were re-elected.

March 4th Mr. Adams preached at the morning service.

The church is now lighted with electricity and we find it a great improvement.

The Epworth league is now arranging for a poverty social to be given March 16th.

Every sin is a rejection of Christ.

THE CHURCH ARMY IN HARTFORD.

The Sheldon street mission has been thoroughly renovated and will be opened by the Church Army on Wednesday, March 13th, by a series of special services to be conducted by Commissioner Stansfield.

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Meetings will be held every evening. The work is under the direction of a committee of the clergy of the Episcopal church in Hartford, of which Rev. J. W. Bradin is chairman. While the work is under the auspices of the Episcopal church the Army will minister to the needs of all who are brought into touch with it, irrespective of creed or character, and all Christian people are invited to assist in the services, or by their prayer and support.

A PLAIN CASE.

Two men boarded a street-car in Philadelphia. Each thrust his hand into his pocket, the one bringing forth a handful of nickels, the other a handful of pennies. Said the pennyman to his companion, "It's quite plain that you run a saloon," to which his neighbor replied, "It is equally plain that you are the treasurer of some church." The moral is no less plain.
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CLUB FEET IN CHILDREN.

By Philip D. Bunce. M. D.

What is club foot and what can we do for it? In general terms a club foot is a deformity of the foot in which the sole is turned in or out, or the heel may be drawn up, or the toes may be drawn up. Of course it is possible and quite frequently is the case, that the foot can be deformed in two or more ways at the same time. For example, it is common for the sole to be turned in, and at the same time for the heel to be drawn up so that in walking the person is forced to walk on the outer side of the little toe. All grades of deformity are met with, and one or both feet may be affected. The term club foot sometimes makes us think of the cloven hoof of the devil, but club feet are not divided like a hoof, and we must take a rational view of the deformity.

In the beginning the foot started off all right and had the shape and same bones as the natural foot, but for various lengthy reasons the parts became twisted and drawn more or less. So in the treatment we must remember that we have the same kinds of bones and muscles as in a good foot, but the parts are twisted. The problem is to twist and pull the parts into their right places once more. With these facts before us it is only necessary to apply them.

As children's characters are easily moulded during the first few years of life, in like manner can their bodies be also moulded. If a child is born with a deformed foot it is the duty of the parent to correct the evil. Contrary to the general opinion, this can often be done without braces or operation. Perseverance is necessary and the mother or nurse, several times daily for months and years, must mould the foot into the proper position. In some cases all that is necessary is to everlastingly keep at it, and the foot will stay in the new position and grow into natural shape. But club feet are of two kinds, (1) in which the muscles are strong and healthy, (2) in which the muscles are paralyzed and never will be good for anything. In the first class where the muscles are strong and healthy it may take longer to mould into shape, but eventually the foot may be strong and of natural shape. In the second class where the muscles are paralyzed, the feet will never remain in the natural position without some brace. But moulding can put the foot in the right position and then a brace can be used. So that although braces and operation are necessary in some cases, and in other cases save considerable time, it is possible in some forms of bad club feet to bring about a cure by simply moulding the parts, beginning in infancy and keeping it up daily for several years.

Much that has been said in regard to club feet can be applied in the treatment of children with bow legs and

knock knees. Careful and persevering bending the offending bones will accomplish wonders if the process is begun early. The bones of an infant contain much animal matter and are very elastic and can easily be bent. In later life the bones contain more mineral substance and are rigid and break instead of bend. If an inexperienced person watches an infant walk he will almost always say that the child has bow legs. The reason for this is that the infant can hardly balance itself and so spreads its knees somewhat; but as he learns how to walk better and he grows taller it is seen that he has straight legs. All mothers should observe these facts and should not worry in advance over a case of bow legs that never existed.

Childhood is the time to correct de-

forming his studies until 1839 he was able by the encouragement and aid of the Rev. C. A. Fox, and with the recommendation of the church, to enter Madison university (now Colgate) at Hamilton, N. Y., to prepare for the ministry, graduating in 1841. During his active life as pastor he was settled over Baptist churches in Coventry, N. Y., Guilford, N. Y., South New Berlin, N. Y., Middletown, O., Xenia, O., Sublette, Ill., Brimfield, Ill., Otsego, N. Y., and Harpersville, N. Y. He had baptized 350 persons during his ministry. In 1886 he removed from Binghamton, N. Y., to this city, living for some fourteen years in the family of his only daughter, Mrs. B. F. Beardsley.

Mr. Guy was three times married, first to Miss Anna Ellis of Coventry,



THE LATE REV. ALBERT GUY.

formities and if the simple methods outlined above had been tried more faithfully, we should see fewer deformed adults on our streets.

THE LATE REV. ALBERT GUY.

The Rev. Albert Guy died March 6th at the home of his son-in-law, Dr. B. F. Beardsley, No. 90 Edwards street, aged 87 years. He had been ill with grip for a few days and complications set in that in connection with his advanced age proved fatal.

Mr. Guy was born in Westford, Otsego county, N. Y., December 3, 1812, and the family moving to Guilford, N. Y., soon after, he worked upon the farm until of age, save for three winters when he taught school, his father receiving his wages. After becoming of age he learned the carpenter's trade and by working summers was able to attend during winters the academy at Oxford, Chenango county, N. Y. At 19 years of age he joined the Baptist church at Yalesville, N. Y., and pur-

N. Y., who died in 1854; second to Miss Mary E. Carpenter of Lebanon, O., who died in 1862, and third to Miss Amelia Bennett of Homer, N. Y., who died in 1899. He had but one child, Mrs. Beardsley, who was by the first marriage. There are three grandchildren, Mary Allis, Guy E., and Howard W. Beardsley. Mr. Guy was very methodical and kept a careful diary of events for over fifty years, noting important matters and the weather. His last entry was on Washington's Birthday.

Mr. Guy was a prominent member of the First Baptist church of this city.

They miss the highest reward of serving God who serve him only for reward.

God does not always pay his servants in earth's currency.

Life shows no beauty to him who rejects its Author.



MRS. J. RYLAND KENDRICK.

An able woman is Mrs. J. Ryland Kendrick, lady principal of Vassar College. Though Vassar's president is a man, he is ably seconded by Mrs. Kendrick, who occupies the highest place ever held on the faculty by a woman. Through the courtesy of the *Delineator* magazine we are enabled to reproduce on this page a portrait of Mrs. Kendrick, who is written about in an interesting article on "Notable College Leaders," in the March number of that attractive magazine for women.

WOMAN'S WORK NOTES.

Missionary work among women in heathen countries is very slow from their difficulty in grasping the most simple truths. A Chinese woman who had listened with interest to a lady's teaching about faith in Christ, asked: "If I trust in Jesus, must a letter be sent to tell Him?" Another day she inquired: "If I believe your doctrine, must I eat foreign food?" The language is difficult for the missionary to master, but what makes it more so is the fact that conversational words are so different from book words.—*Missionary Review*.

Village settlement work has been started in Kolhapur, India, by Miss Grace E. Wilder and four young women associates. They have gone out under the Presbyterian Board, under a special provision that they shall receive only \$300 a year salary, for which the treasurer has opened a separate account. Mrs. Royal G. Wilder is also in the settlement as an honorary member—a self-supporting missionary, who first went to India in 1846. They are in a district where there are over two thousand towns, with no resident Christians. They desire to bring Christ to these people by women's meetings, house to house visitation, Bible school, etc.—*Exchange*.

Miss Susan B. Anthony's eightieth birthday, February 15, has been chosen as the date on which the Board of Trustees of the Corcoran Gallery of Art open their collection of art treasures to a private view, complimentary to the National American Woman Suffrage association. The interest of the occasion will, of course, centre about Miss Anthony who, together with some members of her Birthday Celebration committee will receive those invited to attend who will wish to congratulate her on the achievements of her four-score years.

The committee to attend to the details of placing the Willard statue in Memorial hall has been appointed by Governor Tanner of Illinois. White ribboners had been hopeful of obtain-

ing one representative on the committee. Instead, three were appointed. Miss Anna Gordon, Mrs. S. M. D. Fry, and Mrs. Metzger. These three, together with two gentlemen, compose the committee, and will select the material, decide upon the inscription, etc.—*White Ribbon Journal*.

The equal rights of woman have but just reached the region of possibilities. Men have only just left off sneering and have but just begun to consider. It needs no prophetic vision to see how cheap will appear the stock arguments for the subjection of women when shone upon by the light of trial. Every step of progress from the harem and the veil to free society and property-holding has been steadily fought by the vanity, selfishness and indolence, not only of mankind, but of womankind also.—Thomas B. Reed in *Saturday Evening Post*.

Will Offering meeting. Again Miss Ackerman drew in a large audience, and again we listened with attention to the progress of the White Ribbon movement in other lands. Much was said of Iceland, the land where it is hard for sin to flourish on account of equal rights and privileges for men and women alike, a land where there is only one policeman.

All three of these meetings were profitable and successful for our union, and we heartily thank all who helped in any way to make them so. We feel we owe much to Miss Ackerman. Her tall and stately figure, her mellow, clear voice, and her winning personality endeared her to all. She has an unlimited supply of witty, bright sayings, can tell a funny story or a pathetic one, and at times reaches heights of eloquence that stir the soul. May she visit Hartford again. At present she is taking a much needed



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WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union held three delightful meetings with Miss Jessie Ackerman as speaker. Saturday afternoon, February 24, in the Centre church chapel, a good sized audience of ladies with a few interested men listened to "Tales of the Orient." Miss Ackerman having spent nine years abroad, and visited nearly fifty countries, is eminently fitted to tell of these strange lands and strange peoples. Her stories were entertaining, pathetic and amusing. On Sunday afternoon in Unity hall, we listened to a lecture on the "Boers and Other People." The descriptions of the life among the Boers, their religion, peculiarities, customs, etc., were of timely interest. Miss Ackerman described personal interviews with President Kruger and wife, told of the president's personal appearance and said that she felt his personality to be a powerful one. She also spoke of the Temperance problem in South Africa and other lands, giving many witty and entertaining anecdotes of her travels. The hall was filled with people and all seemed much pleased. Monday afternoon was our annual Free

rest but expects to visit Connecticut in May.

The W. C. T. U. has lost a much valued member, Mrs. Charlotte Parsons. Before her invalidism she was faithful in attendance at our meetings, and active in all good work. Truly "her works do follow her."

It is not so well known among temperate people as it ought to be that Mrs. General Grant made the first move against intoxicating liquor at the White House, she having secured its banishment from the New Year reception of the president. Mrs. Grant was succeeded by Mrs. Hayes, who was an Ohio woman, and a warm sympathizer with the women's crusade. A life-long teetotaler, she never offered wine while at the White House. Next came Mrs. Garfield, Mrs. Harrison, and Mrs. Cleveland, all total abstainers, and none furnishing wine to their own guests, though lacking the co-operation of their husbands, they could not prevent its use at state dinners as could Mrs. Hayes, because the president's views and practices coincided with her own. Mrs. McKinley is well known to be a total abstainer.—*Temperance Cause*.

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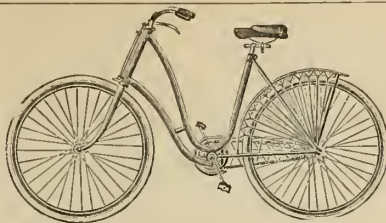
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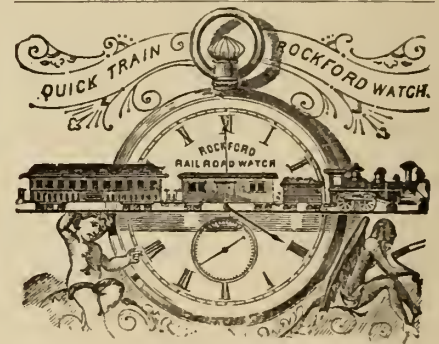
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Good pictures of Senator W. A. Clark and Marcus Daly, who have politically been so much in the public eye of late, are given in "Ainslee's Magazine" for March. Numerous stories are related of both men that show their real characters, and illustrate how deep are the foundations of the Clark-Daly feud.

Rural and village church congregations looking toward building a church will find it to their profit to look up the April "Woman's Home Companion," in which is to appear plans for a small suburban church combining beauty and comfort at small cost.

The nineteenth century will leave behind a great legacy of mysteries which it could not solve, and which probably will remain mysteries to the end of time. The most notable of these are to be recalled in detail in the April Ladies' Home Journal in an article on "The Mysteries of the Century." Each one set the whole world agog with excitement and speculation in its day, but has faded almost completely from the mind of the public.

The Self Culture Magazine for March is at the fore, not alone among the ten-cent magazines, but even among its higher pricer competitors. Among its articles of timely interest are those on "Maple Sugar and Syrup," "The Passing of Ruskin;" "A Planetary Potentate—Jupiter;" and illustrated papers on "Lady Day—The Feast of the Annunciation;" "A Mexican Cathedral,"—that of Guadalajara, recently shaken by earthquake; and "Our Neighbors of the Bog," a charming paper on some humble botanical inhabitants of the swamps, adorned with pen-and-ink sketches of the plants.

One should be able at this time to get a very good knowledge of Cromwell's life and times for the magazines are devoting much attention to the subject. Theodore Roosevelt contributes his third paper on Cromwell to the March "Scribner's Magazine." In the same number J. M. Barrie's strong sequel to "Sentimental Tommy" is continued. "Tommy and Grizel" bids fair to be as good a novel as was its predecessor.

Those interested in Napoleonic lore will find revealed in the Century Magazine's "Talks With Napoleon," characteristics, faults, virtues and follies they had never before suspected in that great man. The second installment is in the March number. Dr. S. Weir Mitchell begins a new serial novel "Dr. North and His Friends"—John Morley continues his important life of Oliver Cromwell.



DUKE OF RICHMOND.—ANTONY VAN DYCK.

From Treasures of the Metropolitan Museum.

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"Success," which has been a real success, as a weekly magazine has been purchased by a new company, and beginning with the March number which is just out, will be published as a ten-cent monthly home magazine. The contents of the current number are very promising. One of the best things is a controversy between the author of "The Man With the Hoe" and Hon. James Wilson, secretary of agriculture.

The Treasures of the Metropolitan Museum of Art of New York City. Described by Arthur Hoeber. 212 pages, 8 vo. New York: R. H. Russell. Price \$1.50.

The title of this book indicates its character. It is very tastefully gotten up. Many of the principal works of art and other treasures of this museum

are gracefully and understandingly written about by Arthur Hoeber, who is the art critic of the Commercial Advertiser of New York.

Many of the paintings, statuary and curios referred to are pictured in excellent half-tone. The book is, in a sense, a work of art in itself.

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To Have and To Hold. By Mary Johnston. 403 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price \$1.50.

Miss Johnston wrote "Prisoners of Hope" not so very long ago. In the literary world she was unknown prior to the publication of that book. It brought her at once into prominence.

It is seldom that an author making a success of one book immediately follows it with a better one. This Miss Johnston has done. Her two books give a valuable and permanent picture of colonial Virginia.

"To Have and To Hold" is a story of too complicated a plot to convey a fair idea of in a few words. Briefly, it narrates the story of a young lady, ward of the King of England, who, rather than marry a certain courtier of contemptible character, flees to the colony of Virginia in America with a number of women who go there to become wives of colonists. She herself married one of the young colonists, although there was not a trace of sentiment on the part of either.

At one point in this story, readers of E. P. Roe will be reminded of one of that author's stories, for the time came to this young colonist, who is the hero of the story, when "He Fell in Love With His Wife," and she fell in love with him. The jilted nobleman comes from England in search of the heroine and finds her—and things begin to happen.

There is no hesitation in the narrative. It is exceedingly well written. Occasionally events seem to occur in unnatural and improbable sequence, but this fault is amply recompensed for by the dramatic fascination of the story as a whole.

Ralph, the hero, is an admirable character and it may be said of nearly all the characters, that they are real and natural. The preacher, Ralph's friend, is a new and unique character in fiction.

The volume is attractively bound and printed. It is illustrated with excellent drawings by several artists. We do not believe, however, that illustrations for works of fiction can ever be as effective and convincing as they should be, unless the work of a single artist in full sympathy with his subject.

Historic Mansions and Highways Around Boston. By Samuel Adams Drake. 440 pages, crown 8 vo. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. Price \$2.50.

Few contemporary writers seem so familiar with historic lore and as imbued with enthusiasm for, and knowledge of his field, as does Mr. Drake. He seems to know every spot of the slightest historical interest and has a most pleasing way of telling anecdotes, describing relics, and picturing events of the past.

The book before us is a new and revised edition of "Old Landmarks and Historic Fields of Middlesex" and contains fully sixty illustrations and maps. Pictures of Washington's and of Putnam's headquarters, Lowell's residence, the "Old Manse" of Concord and Longfellow's "Wayside Inn" are included. One of the illustrations appeared in our last issue showing Meriam's Corner in Concord, where a critical skirmish took place during the ever-memorable flight of the British regular pursued by the enraged farmers of the vicinity.

"London Souvenirs" is a pleasing book of interesting places of London. It is written in a chatty, agreeable style. It is published by A. Wessels Company, of New York City.

Present Day Egypt. By Frederick C. Penfield. 372 pages, crown 8 vo. New York: The Century Co. Price \$2.50.

Mr. Penfield was for many years a resident of Hartford, and a reporter on The Hartford Times, and later was Diplomatic Agent and Consul General of the United States to Egypt. He, of course, had in this position ample opportunity to study his subject. The reportorial instinct is evidenced in the numerous anecdotes, and the enjoyable comments on the social, economic, administrative and topographical aspects of Egypt of the present day.

It has been called "The Unchanging

The Knights of the Cross. First vol. By Henryk Sienkiewicz. 412 pages, crown 8 vo. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. Price \$1.00.

This is an exceedingly long story, and we had thought the day of two volume novels was past. It probably is, but there are exceptions to all rules, and the fascination of this novel, judging from the first half of it, which is all that has yet been published, will make it a distinguished exception.

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The book closes with a chapter on "Wintering in Egypt for Health's Sake." The volume has a good index and is profusely illustrated with excellent half-tone reproductions of photographs. One of these, through the courtesy of the publishers, we reproduce on this page.

growth of Christianity was retarded by crimes and excesses committed by the "Knights of the Cross" under the name of the Church. The pictures are sometimes horrible, sometimes beautiful. The love story told has strength and feeling.

Lengthy though the book is, it is anything but tedious. On the contrary it is a succession of thrilling chapters. It is not at all unlikely that the "Knights of the Cross" will supersede "Quo Vadis" as the author's greatest book. The second half of this novel will be published in a short time.

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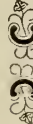
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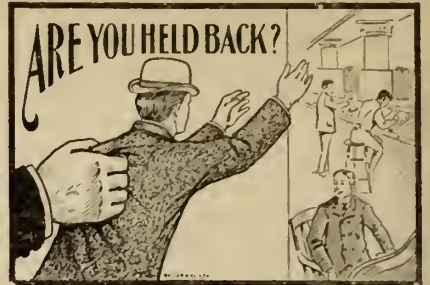
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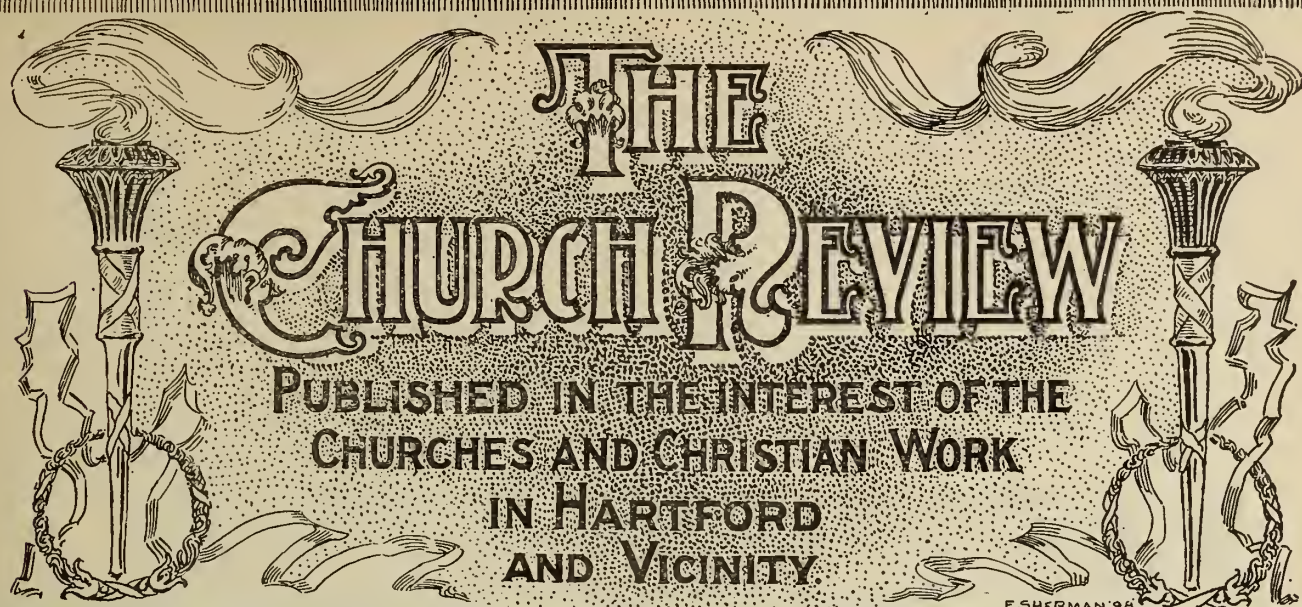
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Nor yet comes peace! What hope is
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God answered, Yea.
In thine own heart, if thou unlatch the
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THE EASTER HOPE.

By Rev. James W. Bradin.

We are told that we owe the Easter thought to the enthusiasm of a few unlearned, but imaginative disciples. The sorrowing friends who loved Jesus Christ, within a short time after his death, created, out of their loneliness and fondness for him, the story that he had risen again. Never looking for it, doubting "what the resurrection from the dead might mean," trusting "that He was the One who was to have delivered Israel" from the Roman, in a word, seeing all their fondest hopes blasted, their expectations shattered. These men in this state, and from their depth of defeat built up this fair dream, that he had indeed risen. The facts of the case are against this theory. If ever men were disillusioned it was then. If ever men showed how strongly entrenched they were in cold, hard, material frame of mind, it was then. They show it—they confess it. They were the greatest, and most confirmed of skeptics and unbelievers. The woman's story that they had seen him were "idle tales." They did not even believe it after they had seen and talked with Him. It was not that it was too good to be true—it was not true at all. It could not be, for no one had ever come back from the dead in the same form, lived, and talked and ate with men.

No, it is not the gospel of infatuation, or of over-heated enthusiasm, nor the well planned scheme of the forger. Under all the utterances, recorded events, and scenes of that day, there is a fact deeper than these, of a truth, of a personal presence of Jesus which invites and interprets them all. Evangelic historians differ in their statements. There are discrepancies everywhere. There are seeming grave contradictions. They show that no forger has been at work, else there would have been only a cleverly laid out story. They show that the disciples were dumbfounded in their cold, hard, common-sense unbelief. They show that something had happened contrary

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For nineteen centuries the Gospel of the Easter Hope and Victory has held the thought, and attention of all men. Each Easter deepens its story, and claims among the convictions of the race. Some will doubt, and honestly too. Some would believe if they could. Others find in it the confirmation of the mission and work of Jesus Christ, and see how in the Resurrec-

tion God has fulfilled to mankind the promise, and the hope which have at all times been received by some of the world's greatest minds, and treasured by the world's suffering ones everywhere.

Life it is of which it speaks. Life unto new, pure, true and good things. Life in a resurrection from deadness, the death in life caused by low ideals brutal deeds, sensuality and all that degrades. Life in all that ennobles, purifies and fills out the heart, hunger of the mind and soul.

Then Easter tells us of a life beyond still fulfilling, still progressing and reaching out unto noble ideals and actions.



DR. GEORGE LEON WALKER.

From a photograph by Bundy.

DR. GEORGE LEON WALKER.

The First Church of Christ in Hartford has had, among its fifteen pastors, not a few who were widely known and honored. Three of these, Gould, Lamson and Walker, have been called within ten months, to serve in the upper temple not made with hands. A notable group, each worthy of commemoration, of the one, whose term of service was longest and who was the last to go, I am asked to write. George Leon Walker, third child and second son of Charles and Lucretia Ambrose Walker, was born at Rutland, Vermont, April 30, 1830. His father, seventh in descent from Richard Walker, the emigrant-ancestor, who came to Massachusetts in 1630, was born in Woodstock, Conn., but went

with the family to Vermont, when six years old. At the age of 27 he entered Andover Theological Seminary, foregoing a college training in view of his age and by advice of trusted friends.

For forty years he ministered to churches in Vermont, holding pastorates at Rutland, Brattleboro and Pittsford, and being recognized as a leader in the denomination there, retired when nearly fourscore.

His son characterizes him thus: "A man of intellect and power of utterance, of respectable learning and skill in his profession, he was more and better than that. He was a man of character naturally, he was simple, guileless, earnest; but by grace he was a

conjecture. But, though doubtless deriving from his parents much of the mental and moral fibre that made him the power he was, the son did not inherit the physical vigor and robust health of either parent. Hence his delay in entering upon his profession, and his coming to it with no college training and with only one year of seminary instruction. But, while the only one of the pastors of First church who was not graduated from some college, he was the peer of any in vigorous thought, clear and incisive speech, a refined and cultivated taste, and a deep spiritual fervor. Much that he affirmed of his father, as a preacher, applies equally to the son. For example: "He wrote good English. No one ever mistook his meaning. He preached on the chief things. And he did it simply, boldly, powerfully. He did it in a way to make his hearers understand that, when he spoke of "Sin," he meant their sin. When he spoke of "judgment," it was a judgment to which they were bound."

Like his father, he had three pastorates—one in Maine and two in Connecticut.

The State Street church, Portland, to which he went in October, '58, and with which he labored for nine years, was then, or became during his ministry, one of the foremost in the state.

After a year of rest, made necessary by domestic affliction, injuries received in the disastrous fire of July 4th, '66, and the stress of labor, he became pastor of the First, or Centre, church of New Haven, a church like our own, coeval with the town and having eminent names upon its roll of ministers.

This pastorate was no less effective and successful, though under wholly reverse conditions, than the earlier one, and was ended, at his own urgency, because of impaired health, in May, 1873.

The years that intervened before his settlement in Hartford were spent chiefly at Brattleboro, where he supplied the pulpit when able.

February 27, 1879 was a marked day in the annals of the church and the city, since it brought to us a man who, by his personal character and ability as a preacher, approved himself as a worthy successor to Hooker. Strong Hawes and Gould, while he made the church his debtor by his conscientious and thorough study of its life and history, and the community by his intelligent and stimulating interest in civic affairs. The successful projecting and carrying through of the quadri-millennial celebration, with the masterly "History of the First Church" as a sequel show the one, while the rescue of the old burying-ground and the improvement of Gold street may illustrate the other.

Of this pastorate of twenty-one years, nearly two thirds were spent in active and most efficient service—of the remaining period, one half was given to beneficent ministry in various departments and the rest to that which most tests character and piety—the service of those "who only stand and wait."

How severe a test that was we can partly understand. How nobly it was met they best know, who shared his life. That it had such alleviations in the comfort of the home, the loving and tireless devotion of kindred, the

devout, humble Christian. No one could be with him and not see that, it was in early sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom but by the grace of God, that he had his conversation in the world."

Of the wife, his own mother, he writes: "Whatever of strength or success marked the course of his ministry is to be attributed, in no little measure, to the support and help afforded by a companion remarkably clear in intellect and strong in character, as well as tender in affection and piety." The husband testifies to the same effect: "She has been a helpmeet indeed. Whatever of influence, standing and success I have had in the ministry, is due greatly to her."

What the nurture of a child of such parents would be, and what the atmosphere of the home, we can readily

intelligent and wise care of the attendant, and the undiminished mental vigor that make reading a resource and pleasure. All this is matter for grateful recollection. That the summons to join the white-robed host that have come out of the great tribulation and do hear the "well done," was most welcome to him, we cannot doubt. And we can give thanks that the end found him, as so many of his predecessors, here, unexcelled among the pastors of this historic church and cherished in the loving memory of the many whom he has helped on their way to the City of God. C. H. W.



PLACE DE LA-CONCORDE.

AN AMERICAN ABROAD, PARIS

Leaving London one bright morning in May, I took the train for Folkstone, and crossed the English channel to Boulogne, where I boarded the train for Paris; and, for the first time in my life, witnessed the starting of a train by the blowing of a horn by the conductor. When the baggage is loaded and the passengers are all in their compartments, and the doors locked on the outside, the brakeman gives a whoop resembling that of a Comanche Indian on the war-path, the conductor blows his horn, the engineer gives one short, sharp blast of the whistle, which sounds like the whistle of a steam fire engine, and away they go. And the same custom prevails all over the continent.

Arriving at Paris, I was met at the station by a friend, who had been there for more than a year, and he had secured apartments for me at the Chatham Hotel; so, although a stranger in a foreign land, I felt somewhat at home, and that I should enjoy the sight-seeing with such good company and so competent a guide. The next four or five days my friend and I spent riding about the city on automobiles (of which there are thousands for public use) taking in the city. The streets of Paris are the finest in the world, being paved with asphalt or wooden blocks, and as the horses are all smooth-shod the streets are always in first-class condition.

Having enjoyed quite a thorough prospective view of the city from hacks and automobiles, we began a tour of the public buildings and art galleries.

We then visited the tomb of Napoleon the First. It is in the Church of St. Louis. The sarcophagus which contains all that is mortal of the great soldier lies in an open circle, exactly

like the tomb of General Grant at Riverside. The light shining through the cathedral glass onto the altar has a marvelous effect; and although the sun was obscured by clouds, one could hardly believe that it was not shining brightly at the time. In the rear part of the building is located the chapel in which Napoleon worshiped and it contains all the battle flags that he captured in his campaigns. The Hotel des Invalides (or what we would call a soldiers' home) is in the same enclosure.

The next day we went to Versailles, about twelve miles southwest of the city. Versailles is nearly as much a

part of Paris as the Champs Elysees, and no tourist should miss putting in from two to four days in Versailles. The greatest attraction is the Palace, and it is said that if a tourist gave but five minutes to each apartment of this place it would take him three days of five hours each (it is open from 11 to 4 o'clock) to pass through the rooms, and that if he devoted one minute to each work of art he would need seven days of the same length to examine them.

The history of the Palace is said to be the history of the town. Louis XIII built a hunting lodge here, and afterward extended it into a chateau. Louis XIV. devoted enormous sums to its embellishment and reconstruction, under the care of Mansard (the originator of the mansard roof as known in American architecture). Louis XIV. died in September, 1715, and at this time France was absolutely bankrupt, the people terribly impoverished, and the state could borrow money only on an agreement to pay 400 per cent. It is estimated that Louis XIV. spent nearly three hundred million of the nation's money on Versailles, and maintained the court with incomparable splendor, and surrounded it with marvels of letters and arts, which gave to the seventeenth century the name of the age of Louis XIV. John Law's Financial Revolution followed, in a blind effort of the monarchy to recuperate the finances, but when the crash came was worse off than before, and eventually the time arrived for the outburst of the moral revolution prepared by the last years of Louis XIV., in which Versailles had so prominent a part in 1789, when, on May 5, the States General assembled and the Third estate declared themselves a national constituent assembly, claiming that they represented 96 per cent of

the nation. And in spite of the presence of 30,000 troops the revolution gained force, and while the people of Paris were starving (Oct.) the troops were feasted (Oct. 1) in Versailles. Then followed the march of the army of women to Versailles with their cry for bread. The King and Queen were obliged to go back to Paris with them, and the Assembly followed, which was the beginning of the end of Versailles as the center of brilliant court life. And for years following the Palace and grounds were neglected, but King Louis Philippe, 1830 to 1848, thoroughly restored Versailles, and is said to have spent three million dollars in converting the Palace into a national museum on lines of national history; and not only restored the original beauty of decoration, but filled it with an immense number of paintings, statues and historic mementoes illustrative of the great events and great men who have honored the name of France. The largest painting in the world except one is seen in the art gallery. It is a battle scene by one of the old masters, and I have never seen anything in the shape of a painting so grand in conception and execution.

We secured the services of Mr. John Mitchell as guide, and he proved to be very efficient. Although an American, he has been a guide there for the past twelve years. The gardens and walks around Versailles are the finest to be found in France. There are six large fountains, one of which is said to be the largest in the world. We spent two exceedingly interesting and pleasing days in Versailles, and then returned to Paris.

No tourist visiting Paris should miss seeing the Palace de la Concorde, the most magnificent square in the world. No description is adequate—it must be seen to be appreciated. In the center stands the obelisk of Luxor, flanked by two sparkling fountains and guarded by a cordon of colossal statues. On one side is the Seine, spanned by



BOULEVARD DE LA-MADELEINE.

a bridge 500 feet in length; upon another side lies the garden of the Tuilleries; a third side opens into the Champs Elysees, while towards the north a handsome street discloses the majestic Madeleine. The people on foot and in cabs congregate here by the thousand. It bears a nickname of "The Place of Peace." But Chateaubriand said: "We may erect fountains here, but all the water in the world would not suffice to wash away the stains of blood that has here been shed." Close to where the obelisk now stands formerly stood the guillotine of Revolutionary fame, and here the frenzied people gloated over the

beheading of Louis XVI., Mary Antoinette and thousands of the nobles of France; and here the mob assembled and sang the *Ca ira* as the heads fell into the basket. And many heads of those who were the leaders of the bloody revolution were severed on the same guillotine, among them Robespierre, Couthon, St. Just, Lebas, Danton and Des Moulins; and Charlotte Corday was also beheaded here for the murder of Marat; and this is only a small part of the record of this horrifying period, and as one thinks of it "The Place of Peace" does not seem very appropriate, yet the present beauty of this spot is the most inspiring to be seen in all Paris.

But a little away along the Rue Royale we come to the Church of La Madeleine, a magnificent specimen of German architecture.

"Paris abounds in places of amuse-

ment. The Palace of Industry, built in 1854, now forms a permanent exhibition, and the spacious building in which the exhibition of 1878 took place was named "Palace of Trocadero," and is now used for musical entertainments and as an architectural and ethnological museum and is one of the permanent attractions of the city. Its lofty towers are each 270 feet high, and in the main body of the building is a concert hall with a capacity for seating 6,000 people.

On visiting the exposition grounds, I was much pleased to note the rapid completion of the great work in preparation for the exposition of 1900, which opens on April 15th and closes November 5th.

Our first thought, of course, was the Eiffel Tower, and one can hardly avoid its being the first thought, for it is colossal and seen long before one

top. Seven thousand tons of iron were employed in its construction, and it cost upwards of a million dollars, of which \$300,000 was voted by the State, the remainder supplied by M. Eiffel, who was given a concession on the admission fees for a period of twenty years.

We went up in the tower and as the wind was blowing hard at the time, the structure seemed to sway like the top of a tree during a gale. You ride in three elevators to reach the top, and standing on the platform at this great height the prospective view is one long to be remembered. The Trocadero, just mentioned, stands just across the Seine, and I was informed that during the coming exhibition the Eiffel Tower and one of the towers of the Trocadero would be connected by a cable bridge and the people carried from one to the other in a suspended



GRAND ENTRANCE TO PARIS EXPOSITION, 1900.

ments suited to the tastes of every class. It has upwards of forty theatres, and cheap concerts, equestrian performances and public balls held in the open air in the summer supply a constant round of gaiety to the working class at a very moderate cost, and form a characteristic feature of Paris life. The most densely crowded parts of the city have public gardens, shaded by trees and adorned with fountains and statues, which afford the means of health and recreation to the poor. Beyond the fortifications at the west of Paris is the Bois de Boulogne, converted by Napoleon III. from a wood covered with stunted trees into one of the most beautiful gardens in Europe, while east of Paris is the Bois des Vincennes, an admirable recreation ground for the working classes."

The great Paris exhibitions have left behind them important buildings. The

gets to it. One can have but little conception of its magnitude without seeing it. The arches are prodigious, yet the outlines as a whole are decidedly artistic. It is the loftiest structure ever reared by man, and the lightest in material. The proposition to build such a structure met with violent opposition because of a belief that it would endanger life or collapse entirely. But time has demonstrated an abundant power of resistance as it has beauty of outlines, and it has become one of the most popular of the permanent novelties in Paris. It is located on the Champs de Mars. It is said that forty draftsmen worked for two years under the direction of M. Eiffel, the builder, in perfecting the plan of construction. The tower contains three stories, reached by a series of elevators. It is 1,000 feet high to the summit, and 985 to the platform at the

Sedan chair. I confess I was glad when I reached the ground safely. Workmen were busily engaged painting the tower, and they were hanging onto the framework or being lowered in baskets, and I did not envy them their position. It is being painted deep orange at the base, the tower above yellow, and gold at the top, the whole to be lighted with 8,000 electric lights, which will give it a wonderful effect at night. The exposition is on the same grounds as that of 1889, but there are 270 instead of 240 acres. The grounds are located on both sides of the Seine, near the center of the city, and within ten minutes' walk from the leading hotels. The buildings were all under way and some of them were nearly completed. Three of the buildings will be permanent—the two palaces of art and the great bridge of takers, and aggregating a capacity of

Alexander III., which will be one of the wonders of the exposition. It is one vast elliptical arch of molded steel, and glitters in the sun like burnished silver.

It is said that one of the buildings will have the largest floor space of any in the world and that it will seat 15,000 people.

"One of the most beautiful features will be the water palace, which has a frontage of 200 feet and more, and will have in the center a vast number of cascade and waterfalls, fed by over 500,000 gallons of water every hour. The principal waterfall will be thirty feet high, and from the midst of it will rise a colossal sculptured allegorical group representing 'Humanity, Guided by Progress, Advancing Toward the Future.'

"Electrical science will have for its use the largest of the special palaces. This building is 1,275 feet long and 250 feet wide, and will be the source of all the vast electric energy used upon the grounds. It is made of glass and at night will look like a gigantic beacon of light.

Another sensational enterprise is a gigantic pivoted tower. In telescope fashion it comes to the ground to receive passengers, then gradually extends itself to its full height, and after remaining stationary for a few moments, swings around like a huge crane, and collapsing again, deposits its human load on the opposite side of the grounds.

"There will be a topsy-turvy hotel in which everything will be upside down, and the visitor will wonder if the low of gravitation has been repealed. One will be firmly persuaded that he himself is walking, hanging head downward from the ceiling. All the rooms from roof garden to the entrance to the kitchen at top, will be sumptuously furnished. In the drawing room the chandelier rises from the floor; in the bed rooms the ceiling is carpeted and the beds appear pendant from the ceiling, the bath tubs having water spouting upward. On looking through the windows out upon the grounds they, too, appear reversed. Springs, wires and mirrors are the secret of this wonderful illusion.

"The world's largest music box, made by an Italian who has spent fifteen years in its construction, will be given space. This monster music box plays every kind of concert music in the most finished manner. In it are concealed 80,000 pieces of musical apparatus, which alone required an outlay of \$12,000.

"The biggest wine tun in the world has been built for the show; it holds 88,000 gallons, or more than twice as much as the famous Heidelberg tun, and cost \$30,000.

"One hundred persons have been entertained at dinner in it. The tun was divided into two floors, the upper one, reached by a flight of twenty steps, was used for the banquet hall and was gaily decorated. It was like the banquet hall of an old castle. The tun was made in Nancy.

"A mammoth telescope, which has been made at a cost of \$300,000, will bring the moon within a mile of the earth. It magnifies 10,000 times. The highest power now known is 4,000 times. Near by will be a clock weigh-

ing 200 tons.

"The biggest sea-saw ever seen or dreamed of will lift one far up above the city of Paris, and there is a globe around which people may seat themselves upon a revolving platform, and in fifteen minutes literally go around the world.

"A mock volcano, or miniature Vesuvius, with real flames and real lava, will have restaurants, cafes, railways, shrubs, and rocks on the outside and within living pictures of scenes from Dante's purgatory and paradise.

"One of the most practical features will be the representation of the development of industries. All nations are asked to shape their exhibits with this in view.

"Everything exhibited here will be from the raw material to the finished product.

"Take, for instance, a piece of woolen cloth. The complete process will be shown, from the sheep tended by shepherds to the coat ready for man. All industries will be illustrated in the same manner.

"With one exception the United States has the largest amount of space—210,000 square feet, partly in the heart of the exposition grounds and partly in the annex in the Bois de Vincennes. There will be five buildings in the main grounds and two at Vincennes. One national pavilion will be the only expensive building the United States will construct.

"At the Paris exposition of 1878 the United States was represented by 1,125 exhibitors; in 1889 by 2,000; in 1900 probably from 3,000 to 5,000 will exhibit their products. The largest amount of money appropriated by any state is \$130,000 by California. American moneys will back most of the mechanical devices. The revolving tower, which gives a view of the country for miles around, and which takes an hour to revolve, is being built by Americans. The real coal mine is an American enterprise. This will be underground and shows the workings in realistic fashion. A great machine for making clouds of all varieties will be another Yankee invention.

"A woman's commission has been appointed to take charge of the exhibits forwarded by women of this country.

"Sousa's band has been appointed as the official American band to play at the exposition.

"There are imposing entrances to the exposition grounds, which are replicas of the most famous gateways of the world. The holy gate of Kremlin, the Sun gate of Toledo, the Victory gate of Cairo, the Roman gate of Treves, the gate of Delhi, the historic tower of Nesle, the gate of St. Paul of Basle, and the St. James gate of London.

"Fifty-five nations have been asked to take part in the exposition.

"The admission fee will be two francs before 10 A. M., or about forty cents; between 10 A. M. and 6 P. M. a franc will be the charge.

From the provinces of France and abroad it is estimated that 40,000,000 visitors will go to Paris. Over 32,000,000 visitors were at the last exposition. By a most ingenious contrivance in the utilization of space, fifty-eight turnstile entrances have been provided, each officered by ticket

60,000 admissions in an hour.

"The catalogue of the exhibition will cost nearly \$90,000 in print. Its perusal will be a liberal education, as it contains historical records of all arts, crafts and industries.

"The funds for expenses are derived from five sources. The government appropriates \$4,000,000, the city of Paris \$4,000,000, the bank of France \$6,000,000, the sale of bonds by popular subscription \$13,000, sale of concessions and privileges and of building and other material, after the exposition is over, \$1,000,000—in all a total of \$28,000,000. Holders of bonds have the privilege of participating in twenty-nine lottery drawings for 4,313 prizes, aggregating \$1,200,000."

The exhibition will not only be the greatest the world has even seen, but is held in the most beautiful city the sun shines upon. It is an opportunity of a lifetime. C. H. Salmons in *Locomotive Engineers' Journal*.

EUROPE AND PARIS EXPOSITION.

Of the one hundred thousand or more cabin passengers who will go abroad this year, it is safe to say that the great majority are bent on pleasure and learning. To travel for pleasure and instruction, and do this profitably as well as successfully, it is generally conceded that the best way to go is on a personally conducted tour. Our parties are always under the charge of competent conductors, who devote their attention to the welfare and comfort of the passengers. All accommodations are arranged in advance, and members of the party are relieved of all cares and annoyances of ordinary travel. We have over fifty tours from two hundred dollars up. We also furnish independent and steamship tickets on all the principal lines. If interested call or write, Carleton and French, 78 Pearl St., Hartford, Conn.

OPEN HEARTH.

The Spring season finds the work of the Open Hearth still increasing and the number attending the meetings large, while at each meeting a number come forward for prayers.

Superintendent Miller commenced on Friday evening last, a series of illustrated lectures which continued for a week, closing on Good Friday with a service from 12 to 3 o'clock. The lectures were illustrated by stereopticon views from works of great masters, and much good is anticipated from this effort.

The sand yard will soon be opened, and will undoubtedly be as last year a source of enjoyment to hundreds of children and relief to their tired and overworked mothers. The yard is the only place except the street, where the children can play in this neighborhood. The reading room has been lately newly supplied with magazines and periodicals and hundreds avail themselves of the opportunity thus afforded.

When you are so sharply criticising the methods of the pastor and other workers in the church, answer this question: How many people did you ever see doing anything just like you would do it?



WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

Mr. Elsdon is now in Boston, having had a critical operation on the eye. He has been in Chicago during the winter, doing evangelistic work.

Mr. Ballou is preaching for us.

The King's Daughters have added some needed improvements in the church.

KING'S DAUGHTERS CHAPTER
HOUSE—PROSPECT AVENUE.

The Christian Endeavor Society gave a baked bean supper, March 10, as the closing social for the season. About eighteen were present and a most enjoyable time was reported.

The Mission Study class connected with this society, though small, is appreciative of the services which Mr. Mather of the Seminary so kindly gives each week. Africa is the country at present before the class and is proving quite as interesting, if not more so, than Japan and China, which have been the subject of study in previous seasons.

We are learning quite a little about "Mrs. Jarley's Wax Works," which are to be given by the King's Daughters the latter part of April, and if this world famed lady appears in her usual lively mood of humor and wit, with her choice collection of figures, both antique and modern, it will be an entertainment well worth seeing.

ASYLUM HILL CONGREGATIONAL.

The Home Department of the Sunday School has lost its valued superintendent. Mr. C. J. Burnell has been obliged by ill health to resign the position he has held so well for years. The work has gone, however, into excellent hands. Mr. and Mrs. J. Lincoln Fenn have taken it up with enthusiasm. Any person, from any parish, who cannot attend the sessions of the Sunday School, can pursue the same study at home by means of the Home Department. The Quarterlies are delivered at the houses of such by visitors, and reports of the previous quarter taken. Anybody who desires to join may do so by notifying Mr. J. L. Fenn, 291 Collins St., City.

The Mission Band held a cake and candy sale on March 16 and realized about \$30.00.

The organ recitals given by Mr. S. Clarke Lord are most educational as well as enjoyable, and are free to all. The thirty-fifth was held March 19 before a large audience.

The Teachers' Club is still a valued organ of the Sunday School. At its last meeting, April 6, the subject was "Needs as Teachers." Informal discussion brings out many practical points.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEP-
HERD.

The classes for those confirmed during the Rev. Mr. Bristol's rectorship, as well as other members of the church, have been very well attended. Dr. Hart, Prof. Perry, Rev. Mr. Lillenthal and Rev. Mr. Hoskins have made the addresses.

The Men's League is sending contributions to Rev. Mr. Spurr of Moundsville, W. Va., to be used in the work for hospitals.

The last of the monthly meetings occurs Thursday, April 26. It will be a general meeting for both ladies and gentlemen of the church. The League members expect to have a large attendance.

The Lenten services have been very well attended and the addresses have been strong and helpful. The Vested Choir have rendered the singing for the Friday evening services.

The Missionary service, generally held the second Sunday in the month, was omitted for April, as the Children's service occurs on Easter Day at 3:30 P. M.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH.

A few weeks ago, the B. Y. P. U. chose a committee to arrange for some cottage meetings. Two of these have been held which were well attended and very enjoyable.

We are sending out two delegates each Sunday evening to attend the meeting of some other society. These delegates come back with new ideas and helpful suggestions to aid us in our work. We have had very interesting meetings of late.

We miss two of our members—Miss Mabel and Mr. Fred Tyler, who have removed to Cottage Grove, where they attend the Bloomfield church.

For Easter Sunday the Primary Department has special exercises arranged for the school session. Each class in the school is to furnish a lily or other plant to be used in the church and afterward given to some one who is sick or shut in.

Miss Marion Moses, who teaches in Winsted, is spending her vacation at home.

The annual reunion of "Inasmuch Circle" of King's Daughters occurs on Wednesday, April 11, at the home of Mrs. Taylor.

Miss Emily Morgan is giving a series of talks on "Early Christian Art" to a class of young ladies. They are very interesting, as Miss Morgan is a delightful speaker and has pictures to fully illustrate her subject.

NEW BRITAIN AVE. SUNDAY
SCHOOL MISSIONS.

March 20, the King's Daughters gave a very enjoyable entertainment; namely, a "measuring party." The program consisted of singing, recitations, etc.

All who took part did excellent work and were listened to with a great deal of pleasure. The gems of the evening were undoubtedly the recitations given by Miss Anna Wyand. At the conclusion the King's Daughters served coffee and cakes. The larger part of the receipts were given to the

School to swell the furnishing fund. The receipts were \$43.00.

One of the members of the Ladies' Aid Society has been called upon to bid a last good-bye to her aged father. It was but a fit harvesting in after a long, useful life, of the "Bearded grain." In our reports no mention has been made of our mid-week prayer meeting. To those who attend it is of the greatest importance, as the teachers, officers and tired parents gain here strength for the cares and labors of the week, and could spare many things out of their lives better than this much-needed spiritual help by the wayside.

The Ladies' Aid Society is soon to lose two of its members, which we sincerely regret, both caused by removal from the city. They will be missed as they have been faithful workers; one on the visiting committee and the other as assistant vice-president.

UNITY CHURCH.

March 2 the Unity Social Club held its first entertainment of the season in Lower Unity Hall. The program consisted of readings by Miss Pausch, piano solos by Miss Mahan and stereopticon views of Alaska and the Sandwich Islands. Refreshments were served.

It is a great pleasure to announce that on March 25 Mr. Waite withdrew the resignation which he submitted in September. This is in response to the earnest wish of his many friends and is an answer, also, to the petition presented him in November and which was signed by so many church members and attendants.

March 30 the regular children's social was held from 6 until 8 o'clock. Supper was served and was followed by a graphophone entertainment by Mr. George Phelps. Our sincere thanks are due Mr. Phelps for his kindness and the enjoyable evening given us.

Immediately following the children's social, was held the annual meeting of the Sunday School. Reports were read and the following officers chosen: Superintendent, Mrs. Baker; Secretary, E. M. Cutting; Treasurer, W. F. Young; Librarian, W. S. Freibe; Chorister, D. F. Wentworth. The reports show that the Sunday School is in a very prosperous condition. Mrs. J. R. Root, after nine years faithful service, has resigned, and Miss Mary F. Rearden has consented to lead a young people's class, which has Mrs. Root's class as a nucleus.

The annual meeting of the society was held April 2. The reports of the officers were read and the following officers chosen: President, Horace Cornwall; Vice-President, W. E. Dickinson; Secretary, E. M. Cutting; Treasurer, Joseph Dawson; Auditors, W. F. Young, Frank M. Mather. The committees were all re-elected. Mr. William H. Honiss was chosen trustee to fill a vacancy.

The Church quartette, which sang April 1 for the first time, consists of Miss Lillian Cline, soprano; Miss Edith Aab, contralto; Mr. William Porter, tenor, and Mr. Thomas Couch bass. Mr. Wentworth, the organist, who has been with us several years, has been engaged for the coming year.

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL.

On April 1 Dr. Parker was unable to preach and the service was conducted by the Rev. A. T. Perry of the Theological Seminary. April 8 the pastor had sufficiently recovered to be in his pulpit again. Being Palm Sunday, he read the account of Christ's entry into Jerusalem, and then with a voice filled with earnestness he declared that the King who so entered Jerusalem had nothing in common with the wars which so-called Christian nations are now waging; that, for himself, he abhorred these things and would always declare his abhorrence of them. Taking from the pulpit a copy of the New York "Herald," he referred to an illustration depicting the Christ viewing a battlefield and read the poem that accompanied it. He said all the ministers in America could not preach a more eloquent sermon than did that picture and poem, and, worst of all, men slaughtered men in the name of Christ and at the behest of nominally Christian governments. He said he had no heart to preach a Palm Sunday sermon under such circumstances. Dr. Parker then took for his text Jesus committing His mother to the care of the beloved disciple, from the cross, and preached on the personal friendship of Jesus as distinguished from His relations to all humanity.

The Young Men's Society gave an entertainment in the church parlors, Friday evening, April 6. Mr. A. T. Richards gave an interesting talk on "Memories of a Trip Abroad" and refreshments were served.

The Young People's meetings during the past month have been led by Messrs. Fankhauser, Ernest Seward, John T. Robinson and H. C. Ide. The last meeting was devoted to considering the famine now prevailing in India. It is hoped that some were affected who will give evidence of their feelings in a practical way. The Sunday School, it is expected, will soon make a contribution to this cause.

An interesting paper was read before a recent meeting of the Ladies' Sewing Society, by Mrs. Charles Smith, the subject being "The North American Indians and Their History," with particular reference to the Niantic tribe. Mrs. Smith was able to give personal reminiscences of some of the last of the Niantics, which were of much interest.

The illness of Mrs. Parker has occasioned sorrow and solicitude among the congregation. We believe it is not dangerous, but her absence is greatly felt, especially in the Sunday School.

TRINITY CHURCH.

Interest in the children's festival service of Trinity Church Sunday School increases as this, the queen of festivals, approaches.

The Sunday School will gather in the chapel at 3:30 o'clock and at 4 will form in procession and march into the main body of the church, carrying their banners and singing their processional, "Brightly Gleans Our Banner."

An attractive feature of this service is the building of the Easter cross. A plain wooden cross stands upon the chancel steps, and this represents the acts of self denial of the children dur-

ing Lent. As the procession passes in front of it, each child will place a bouquet of flowers thereon. By the time the entire procession has passed it will have been transformed into a beautiful floral cross, typical of the joy of Easter and the Resurrection.

This Easter service at Trinity promises to be unusually bright and happy and parents and friends of the children are cordially invited to be present. The coral services, at which will be the first celebration of the Holy Communion, is at 7 o'clock in the morning. At 10:45 is the service consisting of morning prayer, sermon and the second celebration of the Holy Communion. At 4 in the afternoon is the children's service, as described above, and then at 7:30 the Bishop of the diocese, the Rt. Rev. Chauncey B. Brewster, D. D., will preach and administer the rite of Confirmation.

Last fall a committee was appointed to revive and build up the Sunday School Library. The subject became an absorbing one and the committee deem it wise to enlarge the library, making it effective for the entire Parish as well as for the Sunday School. An attractive list of books was prepared and these books are now needed to be placed upon the shelves. Mr. E. J. Cleveland, Jr., has taken the matter actively in hand and under his enthusiastic direction we feel satisfied that the library will grow and become a valuable adjunct, not only to Sunday School but to Parochial work as well.

FIRST BAPTIST.

Fast Day was recognized by a Union service on Friday with the South Baptist Church.

Mr. James L. Howard and Miss May Howard recently returned from Florida, where they had been for the benefit of Mr. Howard's health.

Our Young People's Association once a month holds a roll-call meeting on Sunday evening, at which the names of members are read in the expectation of some response which will contribute to the interest of the meeting.

The tenth annual jug breaking entertainment of the Boys' Steadfast Club was held Monday evening in the Chapel. There was a very good attendance and the audience seemed to enjoy the entertainment thoroughly.

Another interesting letter was received recently from Dr. Bunker, our missionary in India.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The annual meeting of the First Presbyterian society was held in the Chapel of the First Presbyterian Church Tuesday evening, March 6. James Pullar acted as moderator and A. D. McKimion as clerk pro temp. Reports were read by the Board of Trustees, Auditors, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: Trustees, James Pullar, Charles Pullar, Henry Ford, John Gray, William B. Low, Samuel Collins, W. B. Shaffer, S. H. Berry and E. C. Doron; Auditors, John Gray and A. D. McKimion; Clerk, E. C. Doron; Treasurer, E. P. Small; Assistant Treasurer, F. W. Lycett; Collector, J. H. Ford; Treasurer of Des't Fund, John Johnston; Ushers, F. W. Lycett, I.

H. Ford, H. Purdy, Jr., Robert Boardman, T. R. Mullans, and S. R. Stark-ey.

The church mourns the loss by death of its organist, Mr. George Barrett Dicks. He was a member of the church and for fully five years its organist. He was a musician of ability and was always a staunch supporter of anything musical. For twelve years he was identified with the Hartford One Price Clothing House, Asylum St., later with E. J. Mulcahy, and in November accepted a position with the Freeman—Church company. He was enthusiastic in all his undertakings and loved and respected by all with whom he came in contact.

The Sunday School has been rehearsing a beautiful Easter carol entitled, "From Gloom to Glory," which will be given in the church Easter Sunday Eve.

Arrangements have been perfected for the spring meeting of the Westchester Presbytery in the church April 16 and 17. It is expected that delegates from New York State and Connecticut will meet to the number of fifty or more.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH.

Sunday, March 25, Rev. Mr. Bradin of St. John's Church preached in the morning and Rev. Mr. Morrison of Bristol in the evening in exchange with the rector.

Mr. Warner has had quite a severe attack of grip and could not preach for two weeks. Prof. Ferguson of Trinity College officiated at the morning services April 1 and 8, and Rev. Mr. Saltonstall of Christ church in the evening. On the 8th, the first Sunday in the month, there is a Sunday School service at 4 P. M. and no evening service. Mr. Warner is now much better and expects to take the services of the Holy Week and Easter.

The ladies of the Guild are preparing for the annual Easter sale and supper, which will take place in the parish house Wednesday evening, April 18.

The Young People's club are making arrangements for a musical entertainment to be given early in May.

SOUTH BAPTIST.

The series of sermons lately given at our church by the pastors of the several denominations of the city were of great interest and profit to the many who attended.

We are especially thankful to the Woman's Missionary Society of the church for the view we had of "Life in Burma" and what may be accomplished through the gospel there as clearly shown us by Mr. Vinton in his stereopticon lecture last week. He possesses much of the missionary spirit. His grandparents and parents are missionaries in Burma. His newly-wedded wife is the daughter of Dr. Bunker, in whom we all feel a great interest, so that we are looking for good work done by Mr. Vinton when he, himself, shall have taken up his life work there.

Our weekly suppers and social hours given by the ladies of the church, are proving very helpful. We have been pleased to welcome a number into the church lately by letter.

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DISCORDANT EASTER MUSIC.

It can hardly be a joyous Easter for Old England, nor for the Boers who are fighting to maintain their national integrity. Neither are we Americans with clean hands before God this Eastertide, engaged, as we are, in a war in the far East, and responsible, as we surely are, in a measure, for the terrible condition of affairs in Porto Rico. O, the pity of it all.

Honest men differ as to the justification for all this, but in the sight of God, is it justifiable? Surely it is not, for if His precepts were followed in the beginning these wars would never have begun, and if they were followed even now, these bloody conflicts would cease at once. On what basis can they be terminated? On the basis of the golden rule.

What a shame, what a disgrace upon our boasted civilization, what a blot upon our Christianity, that the closing year of the century should witness so many of these conflicts between nations. The swords are not all beaten into plowshares yet, and the millenium seems a long, long way off. The sound

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of cannon, the clash of arms, the groans of the wounded and dying, make a terrible discord for Easter music.

Yet for all the discord, the Easter bells ring out a song of gladness, for the great truth of the Resurrection remains the same—the foundation of the Christian hope. Christ arose from the dead after a life of hardship and persecution, and that after life is what we all hope for, so at this season let us shut our ears for a moment to all the discord, and listen to the message of the Easter bells.

Afar and near us the sound of bells!

The air is throbbing, from sea to sea,
With the passionate thrill of a song
that tells

The glory that was and that is to be!
Echoing sweet, over wilds and dells,
From tower and steeple, from street
and town—

From lonely villages nestled down
At the foot of the mountains, rough
and bare.

Ah! the wilderness blossoms to-day
anew—

The heart's bleak desert is glad again;
And roses bloom where the brambles
grew—

The earth has forgotten her grief and
pain

In this benediction of Heavenly
calm!

Hark! floating out on the listening air
The myriad cadences of prayer;

Praise and ritual, chant and psalm,
Swelling the world-wide Easter song
That dies, in a dream, the clouds
among!

—Woman's Home Companion.

REV. MR. SHELDON'S CHRISTIAN
DAILY.

Rev. Mr. Sheldon has attempted to show the world how Christ would run a daily newspaper. Whether he succeeded or not, no one can answer, not even himself. But to most of the readers of the Topeka Capitol, during the week it was edited by Mr. Sheldon, the paper was doubtless a disappointment. Of his sincerity there can be no doubt, that he had a great opportunity cannot be questioned, but after all the paper turned out to be one which one person out of ten would never have read but for its novelty, and the wide advertising which it received.

The chief factor which made it a failure in the eyes of most people, was probably Mr. Sheldon's lack of training in newspaper work. A man with his connections and opportunity, if possessed of a proper newspaper training, not simply a literary training, might have turned out a newspaper at once interesting to all readers, and up to the highest Christian standard. It is an experiment worth trying again if the right man takes hold, but Rev. Mr. Sheldon had better stick to his books and his pulpit. He can do some good work in those fields.

ECUMENICAL MISSIONARY CONFERENCE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

This conference, representing the Protestant Missionary societies and missions of the world, will be held in New York city from April 21st. to May 1st. Plans for the conference are nearly completed. The various committees have their work well organized. The Missionary societies of every denomination are co-operating heartily. Acceptances have been received from those who as delegates will represent every phase of missionary effort and every land where missionary work is being carried on. It remains for the Christians of America to do their share. That they will do this gladly is assured by the numberless words of sympathy and cheer that have come from every part of the country. All they need to know is what that share is.

It is active support of the conference. This implies the sympathy with and prayer for it, which the churches of this land feel in common with those of every land. It implies also that provision for the material needs without which the other support will fail of its best results.

Such a gathering will of necessity cost a large sum of money: halls must be hired, entertainment must be provided for foreign delegates and foreign missionaries, and there is heavy expense for printing, stationery, postage, etc. Most of the work is voluntary, but some who give large time must be remunerated. Provision needs to be made for publishing the proceedings to the church at large. There are, too, the requirements of hospitality. The least that American Christians can do for the guests from abroad is to give them entertainment here, whether in homes or in hotels.

The finance committee asks for \$40,000 to cover the entire expense from the beginning of the work of organization early in 1896, till the history of the conference is issued and the last bill paid. Of this amount \$8,575 has been subscribed, most of it paid in, and the same subscribers have guaranteed up to \$20,000; the remaining \$20,000 should be subscribed at once.

But that is not all that is wanted. The conference belongs not to a few but to the many. Every Christian in the land should feel a personal responsibility for it and have a personal share in it. That share cannot be complete without a cash investment.

Should the question arise whether this investment may not interfere with the income for the regular mission work, we have only to note that

whereas in 1888, the year of the last London conference, British contributions to Foreign Missions were \$4,666,780, the very next year they increased to \$5,367,946, and in 1890 to \$6,457,235.

It is confidently believed that the conference will result in such an increase of knowledge about and interest in missions as will greatly enlarge the means at the disposal of Mission Boards.

Contributions of any amount will be gladly received and promptly acknowledged by the treasurer, Mr. George Foster Peabody, of Messrs. Spencer Trask & Co., 27 Pine street, New York, N. Y. Donors of \$5.00 and above will be entitled to receive a copy of the Report of the Conference in two handsome volumes.

It always seems a pity to have Easter turn out to be a rainy day, yet it is by no means unqualifiedly unfortunate. So great has become the prevalence of the clothing rage about that time, that one's thoughts are with difficulty centered upon the truth which Easter typifies. It is by no means absurd to imagine the rain a divine intervention to bring people's thoughts away from their clothing to the great fact of the resurrection.

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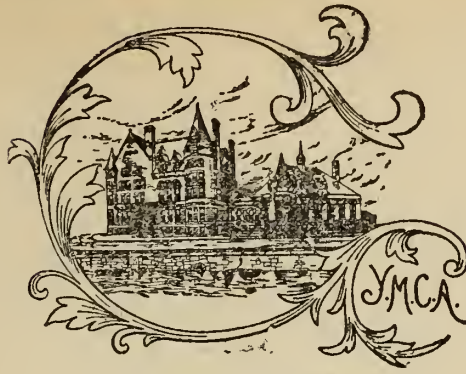
During the past month the South Park Methodist Episcopal Church celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary. Hardly a "ripe old age" yet but, if this church continues to maintain the vigorous life which has been characteristic of it up to date, it need make no apologies for its comparative youth. May its field of usefulness increase with its age and may its vigor never grow less.

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Rev. Chas. H. Williams contributes in this issue an interesting sketch of the life of Rev. Dr. George Leon Walker, who for over twelve years occupied the pulpit of Center Church. We are also glad to give in connection with Mr. Williams' sketch, an excellent likeness in half tone of Dr. Walker.

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A Scottish minister, speaking before the Assembly of the Church of Scotland, told the story of two Perthshire farmers who were discussing the benevolent and missionary projects of the denomination. "I dinna like thae schemes, I dinna ken what the ministers are daein' wi' the siller." "Well," rejoined the other, "there's ae consolation, they'll no dae much wi' a' that you or I gi'e." This is usually the case. Critics are seldom large givers to missions.—Selected.



Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Dr. Ballantin's Bible class held its final session for this season Friday, April 6. There has been a total attendance of 875 or an average of 35 for the twenty-five class meetings. The teas proved to be a very pleasant feature of the winter's work.

The New Testament Greek Bible course, with Mr. E. S. Worcester of the Hartford Theological seminary as leader, has proven to be very profitable to those whose privilege it has been to attend.

The Sunday Morning Bible class, which has had an average attendance of over ten, will continue through the month under the direction of Mr. A. F. Conery, Jr.

The first joint debate held between representatives of the New Britain Y. M. C. A. Debating Assembly and the Hartford Y. M. C. A. Good Government Club, occurred Friday, April 6. The question under discussion was "Resolved—That systems of public utility, such as gas and electric light plants, water works and street railways, should be owned and operated by the municipality." Hartford was represented by Messrs. Much, Strong and Crawford. The judges, Hon. W. E. Simonds of Hartford, Mr. W. F. Walker of New Britain, and Mr. M. Monteith of Unionville, rendered the decision in favor of the negative, the Hartford side. A return debate will be given in New Britain in a short time, probably within two or three weeks.

A special series of boys' meetings have been held during the past month with an average attendance of seventy-five. A deep interest has been manifested and several boys expressed a desire to lead a better life.

On April 6 the Juniors and their friends were privileged to hear Harry Steele Morrison, the boy traveler. He told the many interesting adventures of his trip abroad in a simple and unaffected manner.

Special arrangements are being made for the next meeting of the reception committee, April 25, which will be in honor of its chairman, Mr. Clement H. Bingham, who, after several years of efficient service, will retire at the close of the association year.

The evening classes of the Hillyer Institute have closed after a very successful season. The enrollment has only once been exceeded since the Institute was founded, which shows there are as many young men as ever who are desirous of taking advantage of the various courses of instruction now offered. The exhibition of the season's work will soon be arranged.

Additional Churches.

GLENWOOD CONGREGATIONAL.

On March 15 our pastor read his resignation. It was quite a sudden announcement and was received with much surprise by our members. On the following Thursday, the church held a special meeting to act on the resignation. After considerable thought it was decided to have a committee of three wait on the pastor and see if he would not reconsider his decision. March 29 another meeting of the church was held to hear the final decision of the pastor that was to be read by the committee. It was with much sorrow and regret that we listened to the report, as it informed us that the first decision was also the final one. As it was a positive fact that we could not retain our pastor, a committee of three consisting of Mr. A. A. Lewis, Mr. A. W. Crane and Mrs. Geo. Perivo, were elected to draw up proper resolutions to extend to him.

We can say at this time that we wish our beloved Pastor God speed wherever he may go. He will always have the prayers from those that he has so faithfully and righteously guided and helped. On March 25 we were favored by listening to one of the young men from the Seminary, as on that day our pastor preached in Essex.

We were pleased to see our organist out Sunday, April 8. We trust she will fully recover from her illness and be able to take her accustomed place at the organ soon.

It is with regret that we hear of the illness of one of our members in Boston, Mr. S. P. Phipps. He is suffering from appendicitis.

We wish to thank Professor Merriam for his kind assistance in giving us his aid and council at the meetings held to act upon the resignation of our pastor. He was a great help to all.

Our Easter concert will be held Sunday, April 16. We expect it to be very good, as our superintendent of the Primary Department has been unflinching in its efforts to have it so.

The week beginning April 9 being Passion Week, there will be services Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We were pleased to see our former pastor, Mr. Fenn, Sunday, April 8.

It is gratifying to know that Mrs. Joel Sexton is able to be about after her long sickness.

SOUTH PARK METHODIST.

During the absence of the pastor at Conference, the pulpit was filled by Rev. Magee Pratt.

Easter Sunday will be observed with appropriate exercises. Special music and sermon in the morning, Knights Templar service at 4 P. M., Sunday School service in the evening.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the dedication of our church was observed March 30, April 1 and 2. On each of these dates delightful exercises were held and all were pleased to see several of our former pastors who were present.

During the last Conference year there has been a net gain in membership to our church of 50, the present membership being 483.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL, EAST HARTFORD.

The quarterly Sunday School Conference was held last month. Mr. Oscar A. Phelps giving an instructive talk on Jewish customs and manners at the time of Christ.

The choir work for this year has been placed in the care of Mr. A. W. Driggs, who secures the organist and singers and drills them in their work.

Rev. D. D. Marsh, of Wethersfield Ave. exchanged pulpits with our pastor, March 11.

SUFFIELD ST. CHAPEL.

The participants in "A Day in Court" under the direction of Mr. Day, are making excellent progress.

Special music has been arranged for the Sunday School Easter concert by the Christian Endeavor chorus.

We were glad to have Miss Gertrude Thorp of North Haven with us recently for a few weeks.

WINDSOR CONGREGATIONAL.

Prayer meetings were held at our chapel four evenings during Holy Week. The general topic was "The Last Four Discourses of Christ."

Tuesday evening—"Christ, the Judge of Men."

Wednesday evening—"Christ, the Coming Lord and the Disciples Duty to Watch."

Thursday evening—"Christ's Farewell Words of Comfort to the Disciples."

Friday evening—"Christ's Dying Charge to the Apostles."

SECOND ADVENT.

A very interesting baptismal service was held in our church Sunday evening, March 25, when six young people received the ordinance.

The annual business meeting of the church and society were held March 28. The usual officers were elected and our clerk and treasurer reported all bills paid.

Sunday, April 1, seven new members were received into the church.

FARMINGTON AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

An interesting missionary meeting was held by the Endeavor Society, April 8, the topic being, "Home Missions." The history and organization of several of the Home Missionary Societies was briefly considered.

The Mission Study class, under the leadership of Mr. Mather, continues its discussion of "African Missions," is well attended and exceedingly interesting.

Easter Sunday will be appropriately observed. There will be a union general exercise of all departments in the Sunday School in the morning.

The sacred cantata, "St. Mary Magdalen," by the celebrated English composer, Stainer, will be given Sunday evening. The regular choir of the church will be assisted by a chorus numbering eighteen voices, among whom will be several choir singers of other churches. This will insure a most adequate rendition of this most

beautiful work, which has been in preparation for some weeks under the direction of Mr. Benjamin W. Loveland, the organist of the church. The cantata will be given entire, and will, therefore, occupy nearly the whole of the evening service, as the time necessary to the full rendition is about an hour and a quarter. Those who have kindly consented to aid in the rendition are Mrs. Nugent, the Misses Lailaw, McLean and Kellogg, sopranos; Mrs. Pratt, the Misses Aab and Burt, contraltos; Messrs. Starkweather, Kellogg and Forbes, tenors, and Messrs. Searle, Burnham, Pearson and Forbes, bassos.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER.

In March was held the semi-annual election of officers for the ensuing six months and resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Garret D. Brower; vice-president, Mr. Clifford Belden; Treasurer, Mr. Wallace Barker; Corresponding Secretary, Mr. Ernest C. Day; Recording Secretary, Miss Mabel De Barthe; Historian, Mr. Frank G. Mellen.

Last week on Friday and Saturday, April 6 and 7, several members went to Meriden, Conn., to attend the annual convention and banquet of the Connecticut Y. P. C. U.

The devotional meeting was held on Friday afternoon and the banquet in the evening. The business session was held on Saturday.

Next Sunday being Easter Sunday, we will observe it by having special music at the evening service and a topic suitable for the day, "Newness of Life."

The first Sunday in January, Rev. F. W. Perkins, pastor of the church, commenced a series of talks, to be given on the first Sunday night of each month. The subjects of the talks are taken from the Chicago declaration, which has recently been adopted. They are: "The Universal Fatherhood of God;" "The Spiritual Authority and Leadership of Jesus Christ;" "The Trustworthiness of the Bible;" "The Certainty of Just Retribution for Sin;" "The Final Harmony of All Souls With God;". The lectures thus far have been helpful and instructive and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

ST. JAMES CHURCH.

The enlarged choir, filled with singers who sing because they love to sing, is increasing the evening congregations.

The Rector's Aid Society is determined to have a curate to help out the rector. They met Thursday evening to raise a salary.

The Parish reception is to be held Thursday, April 19th. All are welcome.

WETHERSFIELD METHODIST.

The pastor, Rev. Geo. L. Joburn, attended the conference at Danbury this week. He will be absent over the Sabbath. There will be no church service during his absence.

The Epworth League held their monthly business meeting at the home of the second vice president, Mrs.

Holmes, Wednesday evening, April 4th. One new member was voted in. The attendance is gradually increasing.

BETHEL MISSION.

Our meetings are growing in interest and numbers. The Lord is abundantly blessing His word to those who attend the services.

On account of failing health, our pastor, Rev. O. P. Ramsdell, has been compelled to resign his charge. His work closes with the month of June. It is with sincere regret we think of Rev. and Mrs. Ramsdell leaving us but we praise the Lord for allowing us to know them for the little while they have been with us. Surely they are God's own.

Rev. Shaw, of Pottersville, N. Y., is to have charge of the services on Easter Sabbath.

Mr. Merrill and family have gone to live in Warren, Mass. They have been faithful members with us and we pray the Master will use them in His service in their new home.

Our Sabbath School, which is held at the close of the regular morning service, is well attended.

We gladly welcome all persons to all the services of our church, 235 Asylum St.

BLOOMFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

Our C. E. Society was favored on the evening of March 29, by a visit from Mr. Olmstead of the Union Lookout Committee. His words of greeting and encouragement were much appreciated and we hope the Lookout Committee will look in on us oftener in the future.

We have been cheered of late by evidences of a growing interest in spiritual things on the part of some of our young people and results are beginning to show. April 5 three persons were received into the Society as active members and there are more to follow.

By the death, April 5, of Miss Effie Blackwell, an only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Blackwell, our Society loses an active member, one truly consecrated to her Master. A graduate of the New Britain Normal School, a member of the church choir, and an enthusiastic worker in everything to which she devoted herself, in many ways she will be missed in the church and community.

HARTFORD CHARITIES.

The tenement house question was the subject of a recent public meeting of the Civic club. Mrs. Williams of Glastonbury described the notable tenement house exhibit of the New York Charity Organization society, which was held in New York from February 10th to February 24th. An account of this exhibit was also given by President Atwood Collins of the Charity Organization society at the meeting of that society March 8th.

The Hartford Dispensary has passed into the care of the Hartford Medical society and will hereafter be open daily at the Hunt Memorial building on Prospect street. Funds are asked for adding to the equipment.



WOMAN'S WORK

THE SHELTER FOR WOMEN.

The months of February and March have passed quickly, as we have been busy in our Master's work, ministering to the needy ones who come to us.

We have had the privilege of visiting a number of our girls who are now at work and doing well.

Friends have been very kind to us. One has sent a handsome book-case for our parlor; also some chairs. Others have remembered us in various ways.

We are busy in our clothing bureau and are having large sales there. We give helpful reading to the women who come to the 'Bureau' and help them as we have opportunity.

We feel that the Lord blesses our little home services, and the girls write us how much they miss them after they leave us.

Mrs. Johnson of the Seminary gave us a very profitable talk on a recent Sunday.

Mrs. Chas. W. Havemeyer and Mrs. L. H. Deming have recently become members of our committee.

We invite the Christian people of Hartford and vicinity to visit our Home, and learn more about the work.

SOCIAL SETTLEMENT.

There are thirty different clubs belonging to the settlement and over forty different workers who assist in managing these clubs and making the gatherings interesting and profitable for the boys and girls.

On Sunday the club room is open to the Charter Oak Club all day. In the afternoon and evening there is story telling and reading aloud for the children under 16 years old.

A Penny Provident Bank, under the direct management of Miss Jones, is having its hoped-for success. It is a part of the Settlement work that will undoubtedly prove of growing practical value to every member of it.

Dr. Crane, Dentist, No. 8 State Street, informs us that hardly a day passes that patients do not say to him: "I came to you for dentistry, knowing your office to be the oldest Dental office in New England, and such being the case, I had perfect confidence in your ability to give perfect satisfaction."

Drunkenness is not the only cause of committing a crime, but the encouragement of drunkenness for the sake of profit on the sale of drink is certainly one of the most criminal methods of assassination for money ever adopted by the bravo of any age or country.—John Ruskin.

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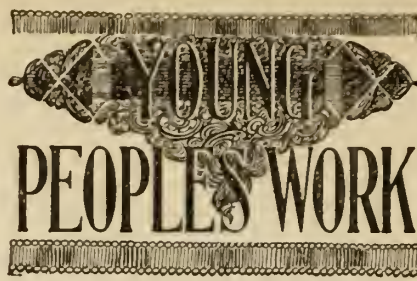
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HARTFORD UNION NOTES.

On Tuesday evening, April 3, was
held in the Y. M. C. A. the meeting
of the directors of the Union in prepa-
ration for the April meeting. The at-
tendance was large and we were glad
to see so many of the societies rep-
resented.

The invitation from the Farmington
Avenue Congregational Society for the
meeting to be held in their church was
accepted and Wednesday, April 25, was
decided upon as the date. As decided
previously, the subject is to be "Prison
Reform" and the Union has invited the
Hon. E. W. Warner of Putnam to de-
liver the address. This is an especial
treat for Hartford Endeavorers, as
there is doubtless no man in the State
more competent to speak on this sub-
ject.

At this April meeting also is to be
awarded the banner, which award is
made on a per cent. of the members
present at the Consecration meeting
of the Society. Let each Society see
to it that their ratio is sent in.

Mr. J. H. Mansfield, who recently
conducted the Endeavor excursion to
Washington, is making plans for an-
other trip. This excursion will leave
New Haven April 19, and will make
stops at Washington, Mount Vernon
and Philadelphia, with a side trip to
Old Point Comfort. Mr. Mansfield's
address is 818 Chapel St., New Haven.

JUNIOR PROHIBITION LEAGUE.

Some Prohibition friends from South
Manchester recently visited us. Dur-
ing the evening Rev. J. J. Bartholomew
told us why he must vote the
Prohibition ticket in the next national
campaign. Mr. Elmer Watkins sang
"The Song of the Distillery."

Members and friends of the League
enjoyed a bus ride to South Man-
chester, where they were entertained
by Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Ladd.

**CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR PRAYER
MEETING TOPICS.**

(From the Presbyterian C. E. Manual.)
April 15. The Bread of Life.—John 6:
24-40.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

The Bread of life is broken bread.
Christ is new food for the new life.
There is sweetness as well as
strength in the Bread of life.
They who feed on the Bread of life
need no other food.

Spiritual growth results from proper
spiritual food.

Christ is bread for the poor.

The Saviour satisfies as well as sus-
tains souls. Of all the foods and
pleasures of life Jesus alone is per-
fectly satisfactory.

Christians are weak because they do
not partake freely of the Bread of life.
Earth's best is perishing; the Bread

of life is enduring.

Like manna, the Bread of life is
fresh every day.

All wants are comprehended in the
want of Christ.

April 22.—Serving God joyously.—
Matt. 22: 1-14.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

We cannot have Jesus and not have
joy.

Worry and woe belong only to the
world.

God never calls us to a duty which
we cannot perform joyously.

When we work with a song we work
toward success.

With all power by our side, with all
peace in our heart, and with all etern-
ity before our face, why should we not
work joyously?

We cannot enjoy God unless we are
doing His will.

The garment of praise is part of ev-
ery Christian's working clothes.

A mournful religion denies Christ.

April 29.—What is God's due?—Luke
20: 19-26.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

Our duty is God's due.

God's love compels our loyalty.

Holy lives are earth's best offering
to heaven.

God will never occupy second place.

Our debt to man is an obligation to
God.

Keeping back part makes the whole
ineffective.

If we are not just with God, how can
we expect God to be generous with us?

Brave words of honest witness are
every Christian's debt to God.

We pay many of our dues to God by
helping His other children.

God honors us in the respects in
which we honor him.

We are not owners but stewards.

May 6.—How Christians grow.— Mark
4: 26-29.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

The watering of the word makes
Christians grow.

Christian growth is all upward.

The most deeply-rooted Christians
thrive the best.

Like flowers, Christians grow even
in the night.

Growth upward corresponds to the
growth downward.

We grow in grace by growing in the
knowledge of the Lord.

Fruit is the proof of growth.

The longest-lived trees grow most
slowly.

Growth out of self is growth toward
Christ.

Some soul gardens need frequently
the touch of the Gardener's tools.

Showers as well as sunshine are nec-
essary to growth.



THE CHURCH AT WORK FOR
YOUNG PEOPLE.

Address Delivered By John Mackenzie at Memorial Baptist Church.

First of all in considering this topic, we have to bear in mind the relationship which exists between the church and the various organizations connected with it.

Organizations such as the Sunday school, Missionary society, and Young People's Union, are means by which the work of the church is extended, and by them and through them its helpful influence is exerted in the hearts and lives of the children in all missionary work, and is a source of spiritual strength to the young Christian.

These organizations are necessary, and are but the branches of the larger bough, through which they are to receive that life giving power which will finally cause them to be fruit bearers in the Master's vineyard.

Let us consider that while these different organizations bear the same relationship to the church yet they do not all claim equal attention and support from her.

Hence the Sunday school with its many young lives, and a large number of unsaved souls in its membership claims a greater amount of attention from the church, than does the Young People's society, which being composed of Christian young men, and women, should be a support to the church instead of receiving support at her hand. The members of our Young People's Union, having been born again to newness of life, and striving to fight day by day the good fight of faith, as Christian soldiers should ever prove one of the strongest pillars, by which our church is upheld.

The desire of our hearts should be that our lives may be strengthened spiritually, so that we may draw our power direct from the throne of God, and by that power may be fitted and prepared as willing servants to hold up the hands of our church and pastor. What is the ideal of the Young People's Union?

We cannot place that ideal too high. That society stands for all that is highest, purest, noblest and best in Christian life and service.

Each member has a guiding star, and while gazing on that star like the wise men of old, the true hearted, earnest believer fancies that its beams reflect a form like unto the blessed Saviour, who died for his salvation and whom he professes to love and serve. Remember that the Young People's Union should represent the highest type of Christian manhood and womanhood, and that its members should above all "Keep unspotted from the World." In view of our high ideal we should strive constantly for a pure membership.

We should not seek to increase our membership roll, if by so doing we sacrifice that true spirit of devotion which is the source of power to the Christian. Our pledge is one which should not be subscribed to thoughtlessly, but prayerfully. Our motto calls for our devoted loyalty to Christ, and our constant aim should be to seek to turn men from the paths of sin, and lead them to the cross of the Saviour. We must not forget that we are called to work in the vineyard, and

are saved that we may serve. In the world's great harvest field each has his lot and place and each can do some little service, if only to glean for the Master.

In this the dawn of a new century we should more fully realize our responsibility as Christians, and in view of the great need of workers in Christian service, we should be more eager to seek and embrace opportunities offered whereby we may glorify the name of our Saviour. These opportunities continually present themselves to us.

Let us at all times like the apostle Paul, be not disobedient unto the Heavenly vision. There are many ways in which we can work for the Master. We should be punctual at all services of the church, our voice should be constantly heard in prayer, praise and testimony, not for over much speaking, but out of the fullness of our heart, remembering that God will bless the little service done in His name, and that a tear in the eye or a grasp of the hand, may be the means of bringing some soul into the light of the gospel. Then let us not be weary in well doing, for we have the promise that in due season we shall reap if we faint not.

Let us be patient and earnest Christians. Let our prayer be Lord empty me of self and fill me with Thy Spirit.

Let us stand always loyal to Christ, and to His church, knowing that if we remain faithful unto the end, we shall some day hear Him saying:

"Well done good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Prohibition has certainly not injured any business interest except that of the saloon keeper, nor has it driven any good citizen from our borders. It is true we have lost since the adoption of the Prohibitory law several thousand incurable vendors of liquor, and perhaps a few hundred incurable topers. But we have every reason to congratulate ourselves upon such a loss.—Wm. Larrabee, Governor of Iowa.



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Questions on musical subjects of general interest will be answered in this department.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ORCHESTRA.

The Orchestra is essentially a modern product. In the early growth of music the voice received more attention than instrumental accompaniment. This fact was, in a large measure, due to the crudeness of early instruments, and the greater facility

with which the voice adapted itself to the production of music. Before the seventeenth century there was little pure instrumental music. Early composers gave themselves up to the production of Contrapuntal and Canonic difficulties to such an extent that its Melodic features were to a considerable degree neglected. The spirit which prevailed in philosophy and science was reflected in music. Metaphysical subtleties overshadowed the practical development of music, and musical color, such as is seen in the orchestra of today, was entirely absent. In the early growth of music the distinctions between voices, and instruments, and their limitations, were not recognized. All music was sung and played. That instruments have a province separate and distinct from the voice, was not then realized.

The growth of the orchestra witnessed first the divorce of instrument and voice. The possibilities of instrumental music then naturally led to a greater mechanical perfection in the instruments. The next important step was the discovery of mutual relations of instruments in combination. This growth was very slow, and the consideration of the points named offers a basis of comparison by which the various orchestral works in existence may be analyzed from their most important standpoints. The chief characteristics of early music were a lack of delicacy, flexibility, unanimity, and sustaining power. The basis of the orchestra as we now know it, is the String quartet. Earlier instrumentation was distinctively noisy and unco-ordinated by reason of the predominance of Brass, and the subordination of strings. The recognition of the important function of strings in orchestral music marks the first important step in orchestration. This period of development is firmly associated with Monteverde, an Italian to whom music is indebted for many orchestral devices now employed. Subsequently Scarlatti, a famous composer, permanently influenced the orchestra by developing, and refining the improvements of his predecessors, as well as those introduced in his own period.

The next important step after the development of the String quartet, was the growth of the Wood-winds, which, on account of the difficulty of their fingering, had been greatly neglected. At about this time there arose two composers who exerted a great formative influence on orchestration. They were Bach and Handel. Bach still followed the earlier Fugue style of polyphonic composition, while Handel aimed at sonorous unity, and climatic effects. But both Bach and Handel made such unusual uses of the different elements of the orchestra, that their compositions with the original scoring, are seldom heard.

The style of orchestral composition was a factor equally important with the mechanical features in orchestration. The modern orchestra is a vast instrument embracing many kinds of tone quality, various shades of brilliancy, and wide range of power. The design is the production of a unified tone effect. This purpose was not carried out in earlier instrumentation by reason of the too close adherence to the Canonic style, and the failure to employ the principles of Melos, and

Harmony.

When in the development of the orchestra, the Fugue style was abandoned, orchestral composition grew along two independent lines; the first, seen in the classic school, ably represented more recently by Brahms, and the romantic school, represented by Richard Strauss. The classicists adhere with painful rigor to established forms, and fixed methods of thematic development. The classicists aim at pure formal beauty. The composers of the romantic school, on the other hand, deviate freely from the classical forms, and exhibit strong tendencies toward emotional color effects. From the standpoint of the classic school, with its logical formality, music reached its highest development in the works of Mozart and Beethoven, except insofar as greater possibilities will be opened up in the increased mechanical perfection of the orchestra, and the introduction of mechanical invention. The romantic style, however, holds out the hope of greater things in music, and aside from the possibility of mechanical invention, the romantic style is the only way open to music from arrested development.—Chicago Music Journal.



COUGHING.

A cough is a spasmodic expulsion of air through the vocal cords, its use being chiefly to expel phlegm collected in the bronchial tubes. It is excited by any irritation of the mucous membrane of the respiratory tract from the vocal cords to the lungs.

This irritation may come simply from congestion or inflammation of the lining membrane of the bronchial tubes, even when there is no secretion, and consequently no phlegm to be coughed up. This is what is called a dry cough; it is seen in the early stages of a bronchial cold, and is usually succeeded by the loose cough as soon as the inflamed mucous membrane begins to secrete.

But a bronchial cough is by no means the only one, for we often see what is called a reflex or sympathetic cough arising from disturbances in other parts of the body. Thus we may have a cough excited by various digestive troubles, by affections of the liver, or by a disease of some other organ in the abdominal cavity.

Coughing may be excited by irritation in the throat, at the root of the tongue, or in the nose, and sometimes by ear trouble. It may also rise from irritation of the respiratory nerves before they reach the bronchial tubes, as when they are pressed on by an aneurism or by some tumor in the chest or neck. Coughing may be excited by cold air striking the skin when one is dressing or undressing, or it may occur in some persons whenever the feet get wet or cold.

Sometimes a cough is purely "nervous," being caused by no trouble that can be discovered in any part of the

body. A cough of this nature will sometimes begin in a school and spread rapidly by force of imitation, until nearly every scholar is affected.

The treatment of a cough should depend upon its cause. When there is much secretion in the bronchial tubes the patient must cough or be suffocated, but in other cases the act is not only annoying, but may even do harm by disturbing the working of the heart or by interfering with other vital functions. Much may be done by striving to restrain the cough instead of letting it out whenever the tickling sensation begins. And many a cough which was at first involuntary and necessary, remains as a mere habit-cough long after the need for it has passed.

A throat-cough can often be quieted by gargling with water containing common salt in solution.—The Youths Companion.

PHYSICAL EXERCISE.

If a man's daily vocation keeps him in the open air, exercising his muscles, his nerves,—or in general his body, much time need not be given to physical exercise. If on the other hand, they are given to indoor work, he will need to give most of three hours to physical exercise. He must give a fair share if he means to be a perfect man. He must have his body up to a working standard. He does not gain that by resolving. And he has no right to expect any answer to his prayers, unless he fulfils the part God requires of him.

"Two men are in canoe in the Mozambique Channel. A sudden flaw of wind upsets the boat. Before they can right her, she fills with water, and sinks; and the two men are swimming for their lives. 'Ah, well!' says one of them to the other, 'it is a long pull to the shore; but the water is warm and we are strong. We will hold by each other, and all will go well.' 'No,' says his friend, 'I have lost my breath already; each wave that strikes us knocks it from my body. If you reach the shore,—and God grant you may!—tell my wife I remembered her as I died. Good bye! God bless you!'—and he is gone. There is nothing his companion can do for him. For himself, all he can do is to swim, and then float, and rest himself, and breathe; to swim again, and then float, and rest again,—hour after hour, to swim and float, swim and float, with that steady, calm determination that he will go home; that no blinding spray shall stifle him, and no despair weaken him; hour after hour, till at last the palm trees show distinct upon the shore, and then the tall reeds, and then the figures of animals:—will one never feel bottom?" Yes, at last his foot touches the coral, and with that touch he is safe.

This is a good concrete case, what exercise had done for one man, which it had not done for the other. Both of them, had strength, bravery, and prudence; but one of them had exercised his body in the essential exercise of swimming, and the other had not. When the test came one knew how to live, and the other went under.

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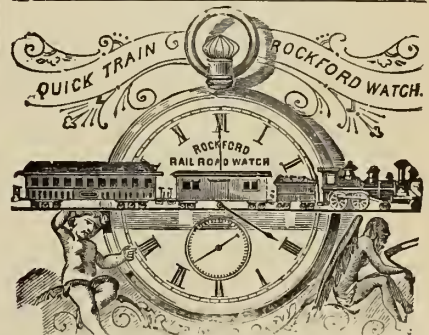
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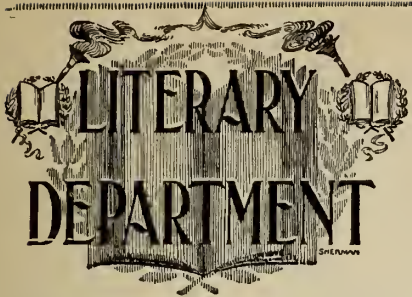
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A charming little poem (most suitable for recitation by small people—and how difficult it is to find such poems nowadays!) appears in the April number of "Cassell's Little Folks." It is entitled "Wouldn't that be Best?"

The first of Rudyard Kipling's new widely-advertised annual stories appeared in the March "Ladies' Home Journal." It was entitled "The Elephant's Child." A conspicuous notice forbids any publication copying these stories, but after reading this first story one is convinced that such a warning is entirely unnecessary. The story is too silly to be particularly creditable either to its author or to the Journal.

Among the features of "Scribner's Magazine" for April, the animal story by Ernest Seton-Thompson, illustrated by him, will attract the large audience which has been fascinated by "Wild Animals I have Known." In this story is given the life and adventures of a curious little animal of the south-west, known as the Kangaroo Rat.

In the "Review of Reviews" for April, Prof. J. W. Jenks, who has served the United States Industrial Commission as expert adviser in the trust investigation, sets forth the merits of publicity as a remedy for the evil of trusts, with special reference to the conclusions of the Industrial Commission, and to the pending legislation in New York known as the "Business Companies' Act."

Two unique articles on unique subjects are in the "Century" magazine for April. One is on "The Hardships of a Reptiler," and the other is on "Out-of-the-way Places in Egypt." The "Talks With Napoleon" and "The Life of Cromwell" are continued. It is altogether an unusually interesting number.

The Shorter Life of D. L. Moody. By Paul Dwight Moody and A. P. Fitt. 125 pages, 16 mo. Chicago: The Bible Institute Colportage Association. Price 25 cents.

This is a reliable and authorized account of Moody's life and work, issued in accordance with Mr. Moody's plan in "The Colportage Library." There are two volumes, each fifteen cents, or

twenty-five cents for both. This low price should make the edition extremely popular. Its authenticity certainly gives it an intrinsic value.

"Would Christ Belong to a Labor Union?" By Rev. Cartland Myers, D. D., Pastor of the Brooklyn Baptist Temple. 216 pages, 12 mo. New York. Street & Smith. Price (cloth) 50 cents, paper 10 cents.

"What Christ Would Do" has been a subject of much popular speculation of late.

The question this book purports to answer is argued and discussed through the medium of a story. As a story alone the book is readable and will hold the attention. The conversation is occasionally unnatural and forced.

As to the discussion which is worked into the story, it may be allowed that

North with treachery. Its members were numerous; its plans were vast. The members called themselves Knights of the Golden Circle. Now they are almost forgotten. They failed because the eagle eye of Lincoln followed their every movement.

"Knights in Fustian" is the story of a plot of this order. The scene is in Indiana, and how a certain scheme of the "Knights" was frustrated by the hero of the story, is told graphically and interestingly.

A number of historical characters are introduced—Morton, the War Governor of Indiana, for one, is admirably represented.

It is interesting to know what the author assures us of, that the book is historically accurate and that many of the incidents related are matters of family record and history. The story



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Mr. Myers is calm, reasonable and considerate. He seems to have thought out his conclusions with care, particularly those which illustrate the relation of the church to the workingman. The final conclusion of the author is that if Christ were on earth to-day he would belong to a Labor Union.

"Cotton Tails" is the attractive title of an illustrated book by George A. Beckenbaugh, to be brought out at once by R. H. Russell. There are forty-eight full-page drawings in black and white, each accompanied by a humorous rhyme. Here is a sample:

THE CAUSE OF HIS PAUSE.

Two Crows were eating mush-and-milk,

As Mr. Hare came by;

The latter wore a vest of silk,

And a glass in his left eye.

Said he, "I have a long report

To make—excuse my paws."

"Why Sir," said they, "your tail is

short;

Will you please tell the Caws?"

"Knights in Fustian." By Caroline Frown. 279 pages, 12 mo. Boston. Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price \$1.50.

During the Civil War a certain secret society honey-combed the whole

is well worth reading for its account of this important Order alone, and it is in itself, besides, a fascinating tale.

Briton and Boer. Both Sides of the South African Question. By various authors. 310 pages, 12 mo. New York: Harper & Bros. Price \$1.25.

To the large number of people who have been unable to properly decide the rights and wrongs of the South African question owing to a lack of reliable impartial information, this book will be of interest.

It is made up of papers reprinted from the "North American Review," to which they were originally contributed by their authors. Among those who speak in no uncertain terms are James Bryce, Andrew Carnegie and Max Nordau. The questions are quite freely discussed. The fact that there are a number of men of authority on both sides of the questions, whose opinions are here frankly expressed, makes this book of distinct and unique value.

The book contains an excellent map and is illustrated copiously and well. The publishers have courteously allowed us to reproduce from the book the picture, "A Boer's First Homestead" in connection with this notice.

The Map of Life. By W. E. H. Lecky. 353 pages, 8 vo. New York: Longmans, Green & Co. Price \$2.00.

Mr. Lecky writes here on subjects relative to character and conduct. He considers common events in human lives from their moral aspect, writing in detail on such subjects as are associated with health, money, marriage, work, sport, success and numerous other matters.

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Mr. Lecky is a man of ability and experiences. What he says on subjects such as these may be taken not as mere theorizing, but as thoughtful conclusions based upon personal knowledge of his facts.

The Fighting Troubadour. By Archibald Clavering Gunter. 271 pages, 12 mo. New York: Home Publishing Co. Prices: Cloth, \$1.25; Paper, 50 cents.

There is not a more prolific popular author than A. C. Gunter. There is no contemporary writer whose works are more uniformly readable. The present story is of the same period as the author's "Princess of Paris" and "The King's Stockbroker," two books which are probably among the most successful historical novels ever written.

The present book, which has had in three months a sale of over 108,000, is divided into four parts entitled, respectively: The Gift of the Battlefield, The Princess Maria, The Singing Girl of Cremona and A Wild Night in Mirandola. The story is a fascinating one and the climax is most original and striking. A number of famous characters are introduced.

The paper, print and binding of the volume are excellent.

The Better Testament. By Wm. G. Schell. 420 pages, 12 mo. Moundsville, W. Va.: Gospel Trumpet Publishing Co. Price \$1.00.

The author's principal aim is to show that the gospel as taught by Paul is superior to the laws of Moses. He makes some telling comparisons and his reasoning is generally clear and convincing. To the many who have been unable to reconcile the harshness of the Mosaic laws with the teachings of Christ the essays in this book will all be of value.

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The author writes smoothly and in simply language. His treatment of his themes is sincere, honest and careful.

One Hundred Quatrains from the Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam. By Elizabeth Alden Curtis. 72 pages, 16 mo. Gouverneur, N. Y. The Brothers of the Book. Price \$1.00.

It is a pleasure to praise Miss Curtis' paraphrase of the Rubaiyat, not

by any means merely because she is a resident of Hartford but because she has decided poetic ability. She has proven this before in little bits of verse that have appeared in various magazines. They have shown originality and beauty of thought and have been daintily but forcefully expressed always.

These characteristics mark this adaptation. There is perhaps fully as much of Miss Curtis as of Omar in it, but lovers of the Persian poet will enjoy the sympathetic re-arrangement and appreciate the novel felicity of expression.

There is one quatrain which, though



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not quite so smooth as Fitzgerald's rendering, is given more force and meaning by Miss Curtis. It follows:

A shuttlecock is man, who lightly goes,
Or stays, at Destiny's capricious blows;
But He who tossed thee on Fate's
battledore,

He made thee—and He knows, He
knows, HE KNOWS.

The edition of this book was limited to six hundred and the publishers inform us that only a very few copies are left

Our Rarer British Breeding Birds: Their Nests, Eggs and Summer Haunts. By Richard Kearton, F. Z. S. New York: Cassell & Co. Price \$2.00.

Like the book, "Wild Life at Home," which was noticed some months ago in this department, this book is written by Richard Kearton, and illustrated with about seventy excellent photo-

graphs taken from nature, by his brother, Cherry Kearton.

The brothers traveled over ten thousand miles while preparing this book. They have taken their materials from different parts of England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales and the surrounding islands. While the book is about British birds, it is so pleasingly written, and describes such a number of rare and curious birds, that it will appeal to every bird lover. There are pictures in half tone of nests, eggs and breeding haunts, as well as of the birds themselves. Through the courtesy of the publishers we have the pleasure of reproducing on this page a unique picture of a "Dabchick's" nest.

The Vicar of Morwenstow. By S. Baring-Gould, M. A. 312 pages, 12 mo. New York: Thomas Whitaker. Price 50 cents, paper.

Robert S. Hawker was an English preacher of rather eccentric character, but of sincerity and power. This biography of him is literally as readable as a novel, relating in a sympathetic way anecdote after anecdote of Hawker's picturesque life and career as a preacher.

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Nature's Miracles. By Elisha Gray, Ph. D., L. L. D. 243 pages, 16 mo. New York: Fords, Howard & Hulbert. Price 60 cents.

Professor Gray is widely known as a scientist of strength and ability. His special interest in electrical science has given him a secure fame.

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Books Which Have Influenced Me. By various authors. 123 pages, 16 mo. New York: James Pott & Co. Price 50 cents.

This is a little volume containing twelve short papers on the above subject, written by men noted in various walks of life. Among the contributors are such men as Gladstone, Robert Louis Stevenson, Walter Besant, John Ruskin, Joseph Parker, W. T. Stead, Dean Farrar, H. Rider Haggard and John Stuart Blackie.

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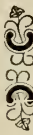
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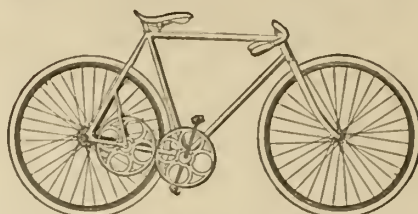
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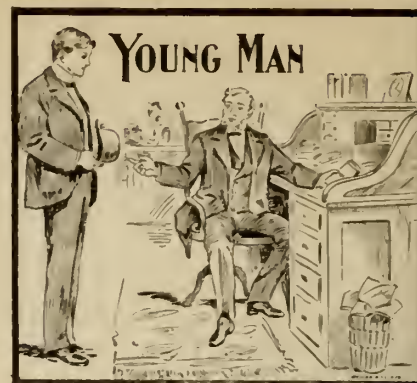
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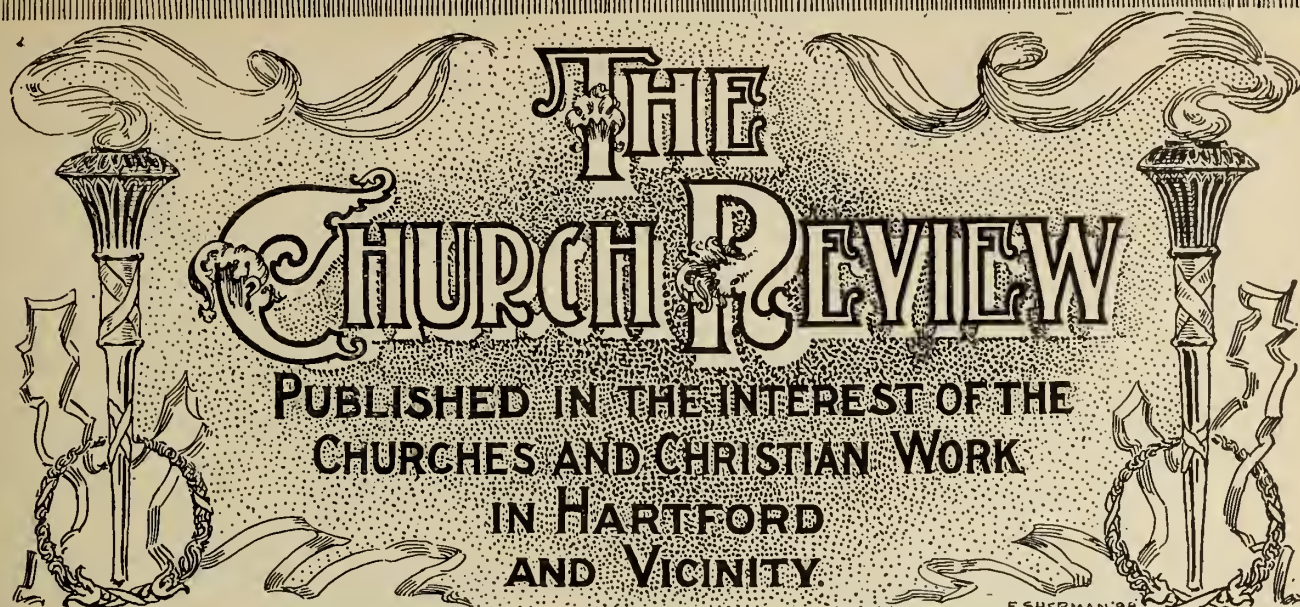
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THE POTTER'S FIELD.

By Emma Playter Seabury.

Everywhere over the land
On Decoration Day,
We flower with lavish hand
The "graves of the blue and gray."
We talk of the splendid fight,
And we talk of the slave now free,
And we talk of God and of right,
From the mountains down to the sea.

Close by the city's wall
The graves are all o'ergrown,
The grass is thick and the weeds are tall,
And never a marking stone.
Not a bud nor flower is near,
And the cruel sun beats down,
For the graves of the poor are here,
The paupers who died in the town.

We turn away from the sight,
For flowers' love is too poor,
And no one talks of the splendid fight
Of these heroes who endure.
The heroes of toil and pain,
Who always have to yield,
Of love and hope and of courage slain,
In this dismal Potters' Field.

For the rich the sculptured tomb,
For the poor we heave a sigh,
For the rich a mass of bloom,
And the poor, we pass them by,
In death as in life—their part,
No one to pity or save,
Yet a woman is breaking her heart
For that new-made pauper's grave.

Everywhere over the land
We talk of the blue and gray,
But these fall unnoted on every hand,
Beside us every day.
And the dear Lord loves them best,
The struggles unrevealed,
And he gathers them close to his breast
The poor in the Potters' Field.
—Chicago Commons.

Everybody delights to honor the
honest man, but the vain man finds
detractors everywhere.

THE MINISTER AMONG THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE.

Edwin Alonzo Blake.

The Sunday School Association of Connecticut has a beautiful motto, "A Bible for every child and every child for Christ." In fulfilling the latter part of this motto not only the laity but the clergy have a very important part to perform. The subject assigned us and which appears as the caption of this article contains the key to the whole matter in that little word "among." If we as ministers, would do our part in bringing every child to the Lord Christ we must do as the Master himself did, "Suffer the little children to come unto us and forbid them not." Too often is the child passed by with the thought if not the expression that he is nothing but a *canon* as if that circumstance should condemn him to oblivion.

No minister can afford to neglect the study of the youthful mind. We know a certain eminent teacher in Biology who recognizes only the animal as he looks upon an infant invariably calling him a "poor little animal," and with a sigh, says, "You know no more than any other animal." While we cannot contradict this revelation of science we must believe the additional fact that this human animal has something that the common herd does not possess, a higher type of intellect. The labors of Froebel and the investigations of President Hall have opened up a whole continent of wonders upon which no teacher in divine things can afford to turn his back.

It is Mark Twain, if we mistake not, who says that the cauliflower is but the cabbage graduated from the university, and we all believe that the man is but the graduated infant. Christ knew children because he was with them, not allowing his most intimate friends to separate them. The president of a great college is said to have been so interested in the study of the child life that he hesitated not to get down on the floor and play with them. Dr. Buckley, the editor of a

great religious paper, has given so much study to methods of addressing and interesting them, that when upon one occasion he was relating to a little group of children the story of Daniel in the lions' den, they actually rose up to see the lions and find out if they would devour the fearless prophet. Beecher said he never felt quite satisfied with his sermon until he had drawn the attention of the child. These examples of the masters of this art are worthy of emulation by every minister of the gospel.

Such commingling with children naturally begets within us a sympathy with them. We know but little of the boyhood of Jesus because his biographers were unacquainted with him then. Had they known him it is doubtful if they could have appreciated his boy-life. We too often endure rather than sympathize with our youth. We have patience with our pet dog who has by his teeth revealed the hidden things of our new Morris chair, because he is only a puppy, what could we expect of him, but when a young person does a foolish thing according to his age we feel like doing something different. No one needs sympathy and consideration more than he who is just beginning the use of his reasoning powers. He makes curious leaps oft times as does the tad-pole with his first frog-legs. The youth, realizing that these powers are for some use, but devoid of the knowledge of estimating distances or of understanding directions, jumps clear out of the old pools of thought, while we old green fellows who have had our day at jumping too, sit back and croak, "Miserable heretic! Miserable heretic!" or, "Higher critic! Higher critic!" and we are fortunate if we have not taken a grim satisfaction when he has been cudged back into the "regular pond." We must not forget our own youthful days and that we needed sympathy rather than criticism.

Every minister should also be a standard of truth to his young people. We should so live that they will be willing to swear by us. Four teachers have influenced our own life more than

any other persons outside the Christian home. It was not so much what they said as what they did and how they lived before us. The worst thing we ever heard about any teacher was that neither the professors nor the pupils believed a word he said. Compelled to tarry for dinner at a country tavern, we were shocked as a youth to see our Sunday school teacher enter the room, step to the bar, which was invariably in the sitting-room, order a drink of whisky and swallow it with apparent relish. From that very moment our veneration was turned to distrust and his influence for good forever nulled.

As many a field in the time of our Lord contained hidden treasures needing the deep uprooting of the plow to bring them to light, so within the breasts of our youth are hid treasures of greater value which need the sub-soiling of persistent effort to bring

encourage these dreams of greatness for "perhaps his imagination shows what he is meant to be," at any rate it is far better for him to be alive with some noble thought than to be dead with no powers of thought. We should teach our young men and women to aim high for it is far better to aim at the sun though they come short of the mark than aim at nothing and pierce the bull's eye every time.

THE REV. D. W. HOWELL.

The subject of this sketch was born in New York city and spent his early days there, and was educated in the public schools. After graduating from school he entered the fruit business and afterward the employ of the New York Central Railroad as car accountant. In 1884 he entered Allegheny college at Meadville, Pa., graduating in

three years, doing good work and building the church up both financially and spiritually.

On Easter Sunday Mr. Howell preached his first sermon in his new pastorate at the North Methodist church in Hartford, and was listened to with deep interest by a large congregation, and he made a very favorable impression. Mr. Howell is the president of the Young People's society of the New Haven district, which includes all the Epworth League and Endeavor societies.

Mr. Howell is married, his wife being an Ohio lady, Mr. Howell meeting her at college which both attended. They have four children.

The church is to be congratulated on having so worthy a successor of the former pastor, and everything seems to be as prosperous as in former years.

AN AMERICAN ABROAD, PARIS.

Like Westminster Abbey in London, Notre Dame Cathedral appeals to historic thought; besides, it is the largest and finest church in Paris, and we devoted considerable time to it. Notre Dame (Our Lady), like many other churches in France, was dedicated to the Virgin Mary. It stands on a site successively occupied by a pagan temple and a Christian basilica of the time of the Moravian kings. The main building, begun in the twelfth century, is 400 feet long, 150 feet wide and 110 feet high. The height of the towers is 218 feet; that of the fleche or steeple, 300 feet. The interior consists of a principal and two flanking naves, which are continued round the choir. It stands upon a little island in the Seine. It has been said that if the pillars of Notre Dame could speak, they might tell the whole history of France. For more than seven hundred years prayers have ascended from this shrine of God.

During the French Revolution the church was badly mutilated, in order to destroy what were supposed, erroneously, to have been emblems of royalty, and the interior statuary decorations were all broken up. In 1793 it was converted into a "Temple of Reason," with a ceremony of positive religious mockery. It is a noble specimen of Gothic architecture, and the strong hand of Napoleon re-established it. In 1804 Napoleon, at the height of his power, resolved to impress Europe by an imposing ceremony—that of his coronation—in Notre Dame; and here, in the presence of the Pope, who never before had crossed the Alps at the bidding of king or emperor, Napoleon placed the crown upon his own head.

There being a general desire for the restoration of this beautiful and historic edifice, in 1845 this great work was undertaken by the state and some of the ablest architects in France, and the church was put in perfect order and the statuary destroyed during the Revolution replaced; and above the pointed doors now stands a long line of statues representing the old French kings. As we enter we are struck with the beauty and symmetry of the long-drawn aisles, the fluted columns, the delicately-painted arches, and the lofty intersections of the nave and transepts, and this beauty is enhanced by the beautiful windows of stained glass, through which the sunlight falls, giv-



REV. D. W. HOWELL.

them out. The minister is just the one to assist the youth in doing this great work. Too often do we cry out when we see one thus searching that he is building air-castles. Well, whatever we call it, let us encourage it. It is quite sufficient that the foundations be under ground. Most of us have been too modest. The prettiest and most attractive part of any building is above ground. George Macdonald has somewhere said that "there never was a vagary that uplifted the soul or made the grand words flow from the gates of speech that had not its counterpart in truth itself. Man can imagine nothing even in the clouds in the air that God has not done or is not doing." When, therefore, we discover a youth building such air-castles we know that he has an active mind at least and should not fail to encourage him, for it may be that he has caught a glimpse of some city of greater or less magnitude whose builder and maker is God. We should

1888. The same year he entered Drew Theological Seminary in Madison, N. J., graduating in 1891. Mr. Howell joined the New York East conference the same year and was stationed at Floral Park, Long Island, his work there being very successful. He was instrumental in building a new church and parsonage. After this he was appointed at Whitestone, L. I., which church he served two years. He was then appointed to Southold, L. I., where he served from 1894 to 1897. During his pastorate in that church a splendid pipe organ was put in, the money being raised through the efforts of the members of the church, and added greatly to the beauty of the church. The church celebrated its centennial birthday during the year and the organ was the gift of the people and members. From Southold Mr. Howell was stationed at Chapel street church in Waterbury. He served this church very acceptably for

ing a golden tint to the whole surroundings; and as we contemplate it, we can but think of what a multitude have been baptized, married and buried, and what a history, social and religious, might be woven out of the records of events that have happened in the past seven centuries within these walls. Out of it Victor Hugo might write a dozen novels. Such is his popular "Notre Dame." It is said to contain the crown of thorns which our Savior wore, and the coronation robes of Napoleon the First. But as these are only exhibited on Easter Sunday we did not see them. We visited the Church of the Sacred Heart and several others, all of which are magnificent, but to attempt to give a description of them would require too much time and space.

The Rue de Rivoli borders the entire garden of the Tuileries, and is nearly

than this statue to one who, though in mediaeval times, devoted her life unselfishly, and died a martyr to patriotism for France.

Not far from this statue stands the world-renowned Theatre Francais, originally built, we believe, sometime in the sixteenth century. In 1768 Voltaire's last play was here performed, the author himself, then 70 years old, being present. The world-wide reputation of this theatre has been acquired because none but the best artists are allowed to play here, and must have graduated from the French Conservatory and after a severe test of ability.

Directly behind this theatre the tourist enters that portion of old Paris known as the Palais Royal, in which Cardinal Richelieu once lived, when it was called Palais Cardinal. At his death it became the property of the King, and its name was changed to

to not only France but the whole world, and yet the communists are said to have poured oil over it and undermined it in attempts at its destruction. It would doubtless be hard even for the communists to find an excuse for such wanton vandalism.

One of the most magnificent apartments of the Louvre is the Gallery of Apollo. The ceiling in itself is a picture gallery. It would take a book to describe what is to be seen here. I will only mention some of the most valuable, such as the diamond-hilted sword of Bonaparte, valued at four hundred dollars; the sword and spurs of Charlemagne; casket and gems which belonged to French queens; the famous Regent diamond, valued at three million dollars, etc., and yet, with all these which we might expect to see guarded by a cordon of soldiers, there are but few attendants whose duty it



ARC DE TRIUMPHE, PARIS.

as well known for its eventful history as any street in Paris. Along this avenue Louis XVI. and Marie Antoinette were brought by the mob, who went to Versailles for bread and brought back the King and Queen, and are said to have been surrounded by nearly three hundred thousand people as they passed along this thoroughfare in the royal carriage.

Adjoining the Rue de Rivoli for a considerable distance is the Garden of the Tuileries. It is large and beautiful. Here stood the handsome and historic Palace of the Tuileries, which was burned by the communists in 1870 when the news reached Paris that the Emperor had surrendered at Sedan. The Palace had been used for some three hundred years as the residence of kings.

Strolling down Rue de Rivoli we pass the statue of Jeanne d'Arc, and nothing in Paris receives greater reverence

Palais Royal, but it is little changed in general appearance. It was in the garden of this palace that the Parisians gathered to discuss the affairs of state in the troubled times approaching the Revolution, and it was here that Camille Des Moulins sprang upon a table and shouted: "To arms! To arms! We have but one recourse, and that is to defend ourselves." This called into existence an army, and the cry "To the Bastille!" followed.

Beyond the site of this historic place is a spacious square, the Place du Carrousal, which is bounded on one side by the Louvre. In this square stands an arch of triumph commemorative of Napoleon's campaigns of Ulm and Austerlitz. Beyond this and forming the eastern boundary of the Place du Carrousal is the Palace of the Louvre, which has been converted into the grandest art museum in France. The loss of this collection would be a loss

is to look after them.

We put in two days in the Louvre, and by this time I began to be troubled with mental indigestion from trying to take in the wonderful scope of this grand collection, and took a day off for rest and recuperation.

We then went to the Salon, which is filled with paintings and statuary by modern artists, and one could find enough in this collection for a month of study. But having secured tickets for Tannhauser at the Grand Opera house for the evening we went to our hotel early. To see the Grand Opera house itself is a revelation, it being not only the largest but the most elaborate in decoration and equipment of any in the world. It stands in the center of Paris. To accommodate it a large tract of territory was taken by eminent domain, buildings were demolished and streets changed, and connection made with the Louvre, and it is consequently

surrounded by some of the finest thoroughfares in Paris. The exterior of the Opera house is so commanding that one stops involuntarily, for it is a revelation in superb outlines and unrivaled beauty and symmetry. It is owned by the government and the city, and cost more than thirty million dollars. A company of mounted soldiers are on guard at all times when there is a play in progress. The interior is beyond any possible descriptive powers I possess, and I think it beyond the power of anyone to describe the effect on one's mind on crossing the threshold and on viewing for the first time the famous staircase and the interior decorations. "The broad steps are



STATUE OF LOUIS XIV, PARIS.

solid blocks of white marble, the balustrades are made of onyx or alabaster, while the banisters of jasper rest on pedestals of malachite." It would be futile for me to attempt to describe this enchanting place of beauty and song. The singers are a well-trained, permanent organization, and together with the orchestra produce an impression not to be forgotten.

The following day we visited St. Cloud (pronounced San Clue), the favorite resort of Napoleon, just outside the city. Though nothing remains of the palace in which he lived, it is a lovely place and well worthy of a visit.

At the eastern terminus of the Boulevards is the Place de la Bastille. Whoever has read the history of France will remember the cry on July 13, 1789, "To the Bastille!" when the people rusher thither from all quarters, and after a struggle of several hours and a loss of 171 killed and wounded the Bastille was captured. Its governor, the provost and several soldiers were killed and beheaded, and their heads then set on pikes and carried throughout the city, and the populace had its first taste of blood and the Revolution was on in earnest. The Bastille, an enormous edifice of stone, with massive walls fifteen feet thick, which had been used for five hundred years as a stronghold of tyranny, cruelty and crime, was destroyed, and on the site has been erected the Column of the Bastille, and each year is held a great festival to commemorate the destruction of the horrible prison which had contained so many innocent victims.

At the western boundary of the Place de la Concorde begins the Champs Elysees, which is the most imposing avenue in Paris. Upon this for a mile and a half one may see the most elaborate equipage of horses, carriages

and riders, flanked on the right and left by a great army of pedestrians. The street is bordered with acres of delightful shade trees, two rows on each side, cafes, walks and open-air theatres. At the other end of this promenade stands the Arch of Triumph, the grandest triumphal arch ever constructed. It was erected in memory of Napoleon's victories, and the cornerstone was laid upon the anniversary of the Emperor's birthday. The two groups on the face of the arch are wonderful examples in design and sculpture, and the selection of a site is no less artistic. From the arch radiate twelve grand avenues, each comparing in magnificence very favorably with Champs Elysees, and make a scene to be indelibly impressed on the memory of every traveler. Whatever he may have seen in other cities, this will remain as the highest ideal of beauty and grandeur.

The monument to Gambetta was erected in his honor as the formulator and most prominent factor in bringing about the present form of republican government for France. Between 1870 and 1882 Leon Michael Gambetta was undoubtedly the leading political light of France. He died on the last of the year 1882 from the effects of a wound in the hand from the accidental discharge of a revolver while handling it on November 26, 1882.

The river Seine passes through the center of the city, and is spanned by twenty-eight bridges, the most noted being Pont Notre Dame, erected in 1500, and Pont Neuf, begun in 1578 and finished in 1604. Beautiful trees line both sides of the river, and together with the boulevards give special characteristic beauty to the city.—C. H. Salmons, in *Locomotive Engineers' Journal*.



PLACE DE LA CONCORDE, PARIS.

OPEN HEARTH.

The twelfth anniversary of the Open Hearth was held Wednesday evening, May 2d, at Trinity church, Sigourney street. The attendance was quite large and much interest was manifested. After prayers, the Rev. E. DeF. Miel spoke of the great benefits which had sprung from the work of the Open Hearth, and the influence for good which the superintendent had, not only among those who have been immediately benefitted, but throughout the city, and warmly commended the Open Hearth as an institution which should be heartily supported by all our citizens. He was glad to welcome the friends of the work to his church on their twelfth anniversary. Dr. C. D. Alton, the president, and one who was one of the earliest friends and found-

ers of the work, spoke of its first establishment and its commencement under Bishop Nichols, then rector of Christ church, and of the progress from its earlier stages to its present prosperous condition under Superintendent Miller, who had been for eleven years its superintendent. Superintendent Miller followed with a most interesting statement in which he showed by numbers of incidents how those who had wandered from the right path had been brought to a sense of their condition, and were now themselves helping to raise others and holding influential positions in this and other cities. Mr. Miller was listened to with great interest and spoke in his usual happy vein. Rev. Mr. Tompkins of Trinity church, Philadelphia, who was, while rector of Christ church in this city, one of the warmest friends of the Open Hearth, gave a most interesting address, in which he said that after a great experience in such work, he always pointed to the Open Hearth as the best conducted and most successful institution of its kind in the county. He believed by all. His work the most successful Mission leader of any he had ever known and he should be, and was beloved by all. His work was done in love and in the way which could alone wean men from sin and lead them to a better life.

The children connected with the Open Hearth sang hymns from the selections used at the institution under Superintendent Miller's leadership, most acceptably and hymns were also sung by the congregation from the selections used at Trinity church.

The anniversary exercises passed off in a most gratifying manner and showed the deep and heartfelt interest felt by our citizens in this institution.

On Thursday evening at the Children's meeting, Rev. Mr. Tompkins was present and gave an interesting talk to the children and to all present, he possessing the happy faculty of being always interesting to both young and old.

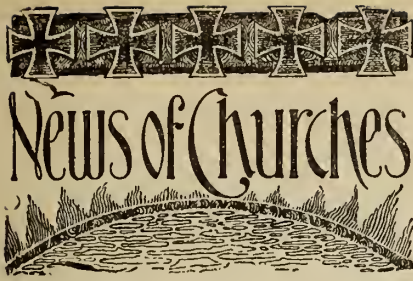
The committee feel the great want of the Open Hearth at this time to be a building of sufficient capacity and fitted for the work done and it is not doubted our citizens will heartily respond to the appeal made.

GOING TO PARIS?

If you are going to Paris or intend to travel in Europe, it will be to your advantage to write or call upon Carleton & French, 78 Pearl street, who can furnish you with steamship and hotel accommodations or if you prefer to travel in a personally conducted party, they have some eighty tours from \$180 up, to select from. Letters of credit and travelers' cheques issued.

It is sometimes, but none too often, said that a warm heart and a cheery welcome, or the absence of them, at the door of the church, often decide whether a young man shall or shall not become a church-goer. It is Christian work of the most potent kind to greet the stranger at the door and to make him feel at home in the house of God.

Because the saloon is strong, we should be ashamed to make half-hearted efforts against it.



SUFFIELD STREET BAPTIST.

Our entertainment on April 18th, shows that when those here at the chapel are really interested, success is assured.

At the Missionary meeting of the Endeavor society, April 13th, Mr. Merserve spoke very interestingly on the "Student Volunteer Movement."

The Easter concert, that took place on Sunday evening, April 15th, showed the excellent work done by the choir. Great credit is due those who are trying so hard to make our Sunday evening services a success musically.

A large number from our society were present at the Union meeting at the Farmington Avenue church, Wednesday evening, April 25th. The address by Hon. E. M. Warner had many points of interest to our Temperance committee.

The entertainment and mock trial combined for which the Endeavorers' had been working so faithfully came off with glamour and laughter on Wednesday evening, April 18th. From first to last the members of the society took hold nobly and the latest returns show a clear profit of \$58.40. "A Day in Court" was the principal attraction and the Polyphone selections and readings by Miss Joe Thompson were excellent. All felt well repaid for coming besides knowing that the 25 cents went just so far toward paying for the new decorations that have so beautified the chapel.

UNITY CHURCH.

The most successful entertainment of the season was held April 11th, when Howell's three-act farce, "The Elevator," was presented with dash and vim by the cast which was composed of members of the society. After the play, which was witnessed by an audience which overflowed into the adjoining rooms, frappe was served by the young ladies. Those who took part and the characters represented were as follows:

Mr. Roberts..... Mr. C. R. Neal
Mrs. Roberts..... Mrs. C. B. Carroll
Dr. Lawton..... Mr. Wm. H. Honiss
Mrs. Miller..... Mrs. C. M. Honiss
Mr. Bemis..... Mr. D. F. Wentworth
Mr. Curwen..... Mr. Wm. J. Carroll
Mr. Willis Campbell..... Mr. E. M. Cutting
Mrs. Crashaw..... Mrs. J. E. Cox
Mrs. Curwen..... Miss E. G. Baker
Miss Lawton..... Miss Florence Moses
Mr. Miller..... Mr. T. E. Couch
Mr. Alfred Bemis..... Mr. F. M. Mather
Mr. Upson Downes (Elevator Boy)

..... Mr. F. H. Lane
Mr. Waite's class has adjourned until fall. The study of Lucretius occupied the last two Sundays.

The class of young people, under the leadership of Miss Mary F. Rearden, and which was formed about a month

ago, is steadily increasing and the study of "The Beacon Lights of Christian History" has proved very interesting and helpful.

The Unitarian Charitable society has joined with the Sunday school for the purpose of giving a sale to be held May 25th. Special meetings have been held to sew for the sale.

The regular Sunday school social was held April 27th. Supper was served at six. The entertainment consisted of readings and impromptu charades.

The Charitable society still continues its work for the Social Settlement.

WINDSOR CONGREGATIONAL.

Our pastor attended two or three days' sessions of the Missionary conference at New York and gave us his impressions of that great gathering in his sermon Sunday morning, April 29th and his Sunday evening talk May 6th was about Tissot's pictures on the life of Christ.

The mission study class of the Endeavor society is studying China, using Mr. Beach's book "Dawn on the Hills of Y'ang" as a text book.

SECOND ADVENT.

Again has death removed from us one of our faithful members. Mrs. Lester Evans died April 27th after a long and exceedingly distressing illness from cancer of the face. Faithful in attendance while in health, we missed her all the more during her enforced absence.

Sunday, May 13th, Rev. C. H. Sweet of Winsted is expected to occupy our pulpit in the morning, while our pastor goes elsewhere.

FIRST BAPTIST.

A number from our church attended the Ecumenical conference in New York, during the past month. Upon our pastor's return he gave us a brief resume of the more important features of the convention.

An arrangement has been made between the four Baptist pastors in the city by which one of them at least will remain in town during the entire summer seasons for the coming four years.

The custom of our Sunday school of sending Easter lilies each year to the sick and shut-ins was observed this year as in the past.

The Young Men's League held its closing meeting as Ladies' night, Wednesday evening, May 9th. John J. Nairn and Professor Talmadge were the principal speakers of the evening. Other contributions of readings and musical numbers added to the pleasure of the entertainment.

THE WETHERSFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

Having been called a pastor of our church, the Rev. George L. Clark, formerly of Farmington, began his service, at which eight of our young people were received into membership on confession of faith.

The hour of the evening service will be a half hour later, at 7:30, during the summer months, beginning with next Sunday.

Last Sunday evening, Mr. Clark began a series of talks on the "Life of Elijah."

Copies of the "Chapel Hymnal" have been purchased for use in the devotional meetings.

Our Sunday school has been giving generously toward the "Moody Memorial Fund" during the month of April.

We are gratified on having the assistance of our new pastor and his wife as helpers in our Sunday school.

The Christian Endeavor are planning for an entertainment to be given the latter part of the month in order to replenish their treasury.

BLOOMFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

The series of men's meetings which have been held for two months, displacing our regular Endeavor meeting, closed last Sunday evening. The union preaching service will be continued.

To assist in getting our Endeavorers back into line, also as a sort of preparation for the meeting of the Northwest section of the Union, which is to be held Tuesday evening, the 15th, in the M. E. church, a union rally of our local societies will be held next Sunday evening.

The main address at the Section meeting on Tuesday evening will be "A Call for Seriousness in C. E. Relations," by Rev. W. W. Ranney of the Park church, a very timely subject, and much needed in view of the looseness with which the fundamental principles and aim of C. E. are held by many of its membership.

The metal ceiling for our Sunday school, the money for the purchase of which was raised by our society, has arrived, and steps will be taken at once to secure the amount required to put it in place, and to make other such needful improvements as will make our Sunday school room much more serviceable and attractive than formerly.

A number of our families who have resided in the city during the winter, have again taken up their abode with us, which means an increase in all the departments of our church work.

NORTH METHODIST.

The church has again entered upon a new era, a new pastor has been assigned to the pulpit, the Rev. D. W. Howell, who comes from Waterbury. Mr. Howell is a plain and forcible preacher, a very painstaking pastor, and has already won the sympathy and hearty co-operation of the members and congregation. Mrs. Howell is in every way an ideal pastor's wife, and proves to be a great help to him in his pastoral work. They are both graduates of a college at Meadville, Pa. A very fine and largely attended reception was tendered them last week in the church, which was enjoyed by all.

The Sunday school is largely attended, and several new features have been added. The superintendent, Howard A. Camp, has been away with his family on a visit to his old home in Durham for a few days.

Mr. Burton A. Camp, a member of the church and Sunday school, won second prize at Wesleyan university, where he is attending in his junior year.

The Endeavor society has elected new officers for the next six months, and Mr. Wilcox is the president, Miss Bessie Firler vice president, and Miss

Annie M. Cairns secretary and treasurer. Mr. Frank A. Davol is the recording secretary.

A number of the teachers and the superintendent of the Sunday school attended the teachers' meeting at Manchester.

Capt. John M. Parker has returned from a visit to Old Point Comfort and Richmond, Va.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH.

On Tuesday evening, May 1st, the Young People's club gave Mrs. Jarley's Wax Works, in the hall of Grace chapel, Parkville, for the benefit of the organ fund of Grace chapel. The hall was filled and the entertainment was a great success. At its close, the club and their friends were pleasantly entertained by the young people of Grace chapel, and light refreshments were served.

In return, the young people of Grace chapel will give a musicale in St. Thomas' parish hall Wednesday evening, May 9th.

The annual meeting of St. Thomas' parish was held in the church Tuesday evening, May 8th, at 8 o'clock, and the following officers elected: Gen. L. A. Dickinson, who has been senior warden for many years, positively refused a re-election, much to the regret of the parishioners, and was elected honorary senior warden for life.

Senior Warden—E. H. Crosby.

Junior Warden—E. H. Judd.

Vestrymen—W. F. Whittelsey, J. Henry Martin, Geo. F. Douthwaite, Edward Shelton, R. H. Burton, E. Reisel, A. D. Pierce, C. B. Sherwood.

Clerk of the Parish—H. W. Richards.

Treasurer—A. D. Pierce.

Assistant Treasurer—Miss Mabel Shelton.

Delegates to Convention—R. H. Burton, W. F. Whittelsey; alternates, E. H. Judd, C. B. Sherwood.

ST. JAMES CHURCH.

The Rector's Aid society have raised the money for decorating the church.

The parish reception will be held on May 17th, when "Mrs. Jarley's Wax Works" are expected.

HOCKANUM CONGREGATIONAL.

The sum of \$30 was given by the church and Endeavor society for the sufferers of India.

At the annual business meeting of the Endeavor society the following officers were re-elected for one year:

President—Clifford Brewer.

Vice President—Garfield Porter.

Treasurer—Vincent Brewer.

Recording Secretary—Edith Hall.

Corresponding Secretary—Eva Martin.

The Ladies' Aid society are making preparation for a baby show; there will also be sunbonnets for sale.

ST. PAUL'S METHODIST.

"Parkville" Methodist Episcopal church, or "Park Street" church is now a matter of history only, for by a vote of the the quarterly conference the name has been changed to "St. Paul's," and we have good reason to believe that the change in name will be favorably received. In fact our people have

already received many congratulations over the change.

The old church building has been sold and will in a few days be torn down by the purchaser, and transformed into a home to be erected on Chadwick avenue.

The Quarterly conference has also unanimously decided to accept the plans for the new church drawn by Kramer, the noted church architect of New York, and also to build as soon as arrangements can be perfected.

The congregation will likely meet in Parkville hall during the summer.

While sufficient money has not yet been contributed or pledged, nevertheless the committee have met with much encouragement in the solicitation for help from friends both within and without the church, and our people have the faith to believe that the much needed new church will be built, leaving only an indebtedness such as can easily be carried by the members of the church and congregation.

On Sunday, May 6th, the pastor baptized three children, and received six persons into full membership from probation, two on profession of faith and six by letter from other churches.

Sunday, May 13th, will be the last Sabbath in the old church and will be observed as the anniversary day of the Epworth League.

June 10th will be observed as children's day.

NEW BRITAIN AVENUE SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION.

One of the pleasantest features of our Easter service on Easter Sunday, was the presentation to the school of ten dollars from the Infant department for the building fund. The school was also presented with a picture "Christ in the Temple" by Miss Clark's class.

The Mission has been greatly favored by many singers who have kindly given their services of late, to add to the interest of the Sunday evening meetings and their kindness has been very much appreciated. Mr. N. B. Miller gave an interesting talk on the evening of May 6th, which was listened to with pleasure. May 1st the young ladies of Mrs. Belden's class gave a little dramatic entertainment, the receipts to go for charitable purposes. The room was well filled and the result was they made about twenty dollars.

FIRST METHODIST.

The annual business meeting of the Epworth League was held at the church, on Friday evening, May 4th, at which occurred the election of officers for the new year. The following persons were elected:

President—Dwight North.

Vice Presidents—Miss T. Jennings, Mrs. C. H. Burlingham, Miss L. M. Squires, Miss A. B. Lyman.

Secretary—Miss B. Latimer.

Treasurer—Mr. C. T. Beach.

Auditors—Mr. W. H. Wilde, Mr. Jos. Archer.

The installation of officers will take place on Sunday morning, May 13th.

FOURTH CONGREGATIONAL.

The church calendar which has been quietly resting for a few years is with us again, due in part to the Woman's

Union. Its appearance is a relief both to pastor and congregation, who have been longing for a "rest" from the reading of notices.

Mr. M. J. Mack and Mr. G. H. Kellogg have joined the welcome committee in the corridors Sunday morning, so that the "I'm but a stranger here" feeling is being laid to rest by a cordial greeting. Come and see.

The trustees after a year's hard work are rejoicing, so is the church. Expenses were paid and \$500 left over to be applied to sinking fund.

Our pastor in China, Rev. Howard S. Gault, sent a long letter to the pastor at home, which was much appreciated both by the Sunday school and those who heard it at prayer meeting.

Ere this is in print Mr. J. Lyman will have a bicycle rack fixed up at one side of the church, for use, not for ornament, wheels not admitted inside.

The women have been working hard (that's usual here), harder would be more correct. The first two days of May a Festival was held, in which all classes of our working women members were represented, from Sunday school classes to those who have grown gray, but not tired, in the work. Over \$100 was made through their labors.

The International C. E. have just completed their official year and are starting off with the following officers for the ensuing year:

Superintendents—Misses Annie I. House, and Eunice Jennison.

President—Edward Benedict.

Vice President—Raymond Reed.

Secretary—Flora Gauthier.

Treasurer—Hazel Strant.

At Communion service May 6, seven members were admitted on confession, five by letter.

Musically, the past few weeks have seen many changes. Now the chorus is supplemented by a quartet consisting of Miss Grace Weir, Miss. Daisy Smith, Mrs. Taft and Mr. Joseph B. McNulty.

A glance over the Sunday school reveals changes. Our student teachers are gone. Miss E. Jennison has left for a two months' visit in the west for her health. New teachers include the Misses Weir and Gauthier and Mr. Perkins.

Mr. Borron has been resting owing to poor health, but started again May 6. On Easter Sunday evening a Sunday school concert was held, an innovation in the Fourth church. It was a decided success, the music calling forth deserved praise, for our worthy director, Mr. Benedict.

Mrs. Jennie R. Dresser expects to leave for the Paris exposition May 17. As an earnest worker she will be missed very much.

WETHERSFIELD METHODIST.

Sunday, May 6th, Holy Communion was administered by the pastor.

The G. A. R. Memorial service will be held at the church Sunday evening May 27th. The choir has prepared a special program for the service.

WARBURTON CHAPEL.

Easter was observed by special exercises in the Sunday school attended by many of the parents and friends of the scholars. The music was the best we have ever had, not alone from the choir

but also from the Sunday school departments. The decorations of lillies, potted plants and palms were tastefully arranged at the back and side of the platform, thus leaving room for the various companies who took part in the service. Three children were baptized. Fourteen scholars were promoted from the primary to the intermediate grade of the Sunday school. To each was presented a Bible and a certificate of promotion.

At the close of the service plants were distributed to those whose names were on the honor roll either for regular attendance, or for satisfactory class markings. Forty-three had been present every Sunday for three months or longer.

Our primary room has been greatly improved by a new skylight which was put in during the kindergarten vacation. The kindergarten began its spring term Monday, April 23.

The drinking fountain and sandyard have been reopened and in use for a month. On Friday evening, April 27, the choir gave a "Bell Social" to their friends.

The mothers' meeting for May 18 will be the closing one for the season. At that time an exhibit will be made of the work done in the sewing school. The Sunday evening services closed with the one on April 29.

The teachers' meetings have been interesting through the season and the speakers announced for May will insure a continued interest and attendance.

The closing meeting will be held on May 29 at which time Miss Lucy G. Stock, state primary supervisor, will speak, taking for her subject, "The Teacher's Aims."

One child has died from diphtheria but no new cases have been reported since April 1.

Measles have appeared in several homes and one death from that cause has resulted.

TRINITY CHURCH.

The tenth anniversary of the Open Hearth Mission was held in the church May 2nd at which Rev. Floyd Tompkins, former rector of Christ church, but now of Holy Trinity, Philadelphia, made an address to a large congregation.

The annual meeting of the parish was held Easter Monday evening, at which the same officers were re-elected with Mr. Henry E. Rees as vestryman, succeeding the late Mr. John S. Gray, for many years a member of the vestry.

The Sunday school offerings for the following Sundays in May, will be devoted to a new chapel being erected in Forestville.

Plans are being made for the annual picnic to be held in June, an event always looked forward to with much pleasure, and which has always been very successful in the past.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

Easter Day has come and gone and will be remembered as one of the most perfect of days. The bright sky made people realize that it was the joyful Easter-tide. The services were very well attended. The Easter music and

flowers added greatly to the richness of the services. At the Children's service in the afternoon, baptism was administered to five children.

The Men's League held their last meeting for the season, Thursday, April 26th. It was a general meeting and the lady friends of the members attended in large number. A very pleasant evening was passed. The entertainment consisted of a concert by a large graphophone. It was greatly enjoyed. Marches, plantation songs, humorous selections, etc., were well and clearly rendered. A lunch followed prepared by the Daughters of the King and the Girls' Friendly Society. It was a successful close of the League's season.

The League has just finished a Bowling tournament and prizes were awarded by the Rector on Thursday evening, May 8th.

The Daughters of the King meet regularly for work and study on Monday evenings. Where there are five Mondays in the month they have a lunch and social time on the extra Monday evening.

The Girls' Friendly Society are still meeting on Tuesdays with good attendance and interest. They will continue their meetings until June.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL, EAST HARTFORD.

In place of the usual Easter service, carols were sung by the Sunday school and a brief address by the pastor was given.

The Hartford East conference met this year with our church. It was an unusually fine meeting. The sermon by Rev. J. W. Cooper, D. D., of New Britain was a memorable one, and the address by Dr. Duncan was masterly.

Miss Jessie Ackerman gave a delightful evening's entertainment entitled "Funny People I Have Met." She is a truly eloquent speaker and her address gave charming glimpses of people in various parts of the world.

The Junior Endeavor society gave an evening with Eugene Field, which was well carried out and netted the society \$22.

Rev. E. A. Paddock of Idaho, spoke May 6th, morning and evening, giving a graphic account of life and work on the frontier.

WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

Our church is working along the regular routine. Mr. Elsder preached today. His eyes are still weak from the operation, but he can see enough to go about alone, which is a great comfort. Some of our elderly sisters are now able to come to church, having been ill during the winter.

GLENWOOD CONGREGATIONAL.

April 29th the pastor preached his farewell sermon, it was delivered in a kind and loving way and conveyed some beautiful thoughts that were helpful to all that heard them. On account of the resignation of our pastor taking effect on May 1st, it was decided to change the date of the Commemoration of our Lord's Supper to April 29th, so that he might be with us to partake of it.

We have had a number of candidates for the vacancy caused by the resignation of the pastor. The committee has not as yet decided on which one to select.

On April 25th a farewell reception was tendered the pastor and family. Many friends were present to express their regrets at their leaving us. Music and light refreshments were enjoyed.

The resolutions that were to be drawn up by the special committee chosen for that purpose were presented to the pastor after prayer meeting, April 26th. He replied with appropriate words.

It is a pleasure to us to know that our "good brother" Schmelze, is to be with us again. It has been the custom in the past for the pastor to have charge of the choir, now that he has left us and we have no settled pastor, Mr. C. F. Schmelze will take the choir in hand. He is a very enthusiastic young man and we look forward to great things under his tuition.

On April 25th it was voted to join the "Federation of Churches." Mr. C. F. Schmelze and Mr. Geo. H. Wilder were elected delegates they being the most "live men" that could be selected.

On May 6th Mr. Albert S. Hawkes of the Seminary, preached to us, he is a very pleasing speaker.

Mr. Garfield also of the Seminary, is to lead our prayer meeting May 10th. We are greatly indebted to him for his kindness in taking a class in our Sunday school.

The Sunday school is making preparations for Children's Day. Even at this time we have heard some talk about a Sunday school picnic. We believe it is not too soon to do so and consider June is the best month for it.

Mr. Garfield, a graduate of the Seminary, will speak to us May 13th. We understand that as our organist is not in good health that her position will be occupied by Miss Robinson and Miss Richmond alternately. At our last Communion we received four new members into our church.

WINDSOR AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

Eleven young people united with the church by confession of faith at the last Communion, four others united by letter from other churches. At the last Consecration meeting of the Christian Endeavor fifteen young people united with the society.

Mr. Meserve of the Seminary gave a report Sunday evening of the Missionary conference held in New York.

Friday evening, April 27th, the Christian Endeavor Bible class gave a social to the Christian Endeavor society. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

The church, Sunday school and Christian Endeavor society together, raised over \$142 for the India famine fund. The semi-annual meeting of the Hartford conference of Congregational churches was held with the Windsor Avenue Congregational church Tuesday, May 8th.

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THE NEGRO PROBLEM.

Probably the gravest problem confronting the nation at the present time is that of the southern negro, and to a much less extent the northern negro as well. We northerners have little conception of the extreme racial feeling existing so largely in the south, though too often shocking evidences of it appear and are recorded with sickening detail by the daily press. The white southerners, though greatly in the minority, are determined at any cost to maintain supremacy over the negroes, yet the latter are multiplying much more rapidly than the former, and so the problem becomes more and more difficult of solution.

For many of the other evils existing in the nation reformers are fairly agreed as to a remedy, and are working together with more or less success in their various reforms, but those who have most carefully studied the negro problem, and they are many, and those who are ready to give of their means towards its solution, and they are a host, yet they are by no means agreed as to the solution of the problem.

Many experiments have been tried only to fail, or to appear successful for awhile, only to prove disappointing in their results after the lapse of a few years.

At the annual meeting of the American Social Science association, held in Washington this week, this question was discussed, and a very valuable paper by Charles Dudley Warner, president of the association was read. It is a paper which deserves a wide and careful reading, and though concerning mainly the southern negro, it gives these suggestive figures to show that in our own midst the negro problem is a very serious question, and one requiring attention right away:

"The negro prisoners in the southern states to ten thousand negroes increased between 1880 and 1890 twenty-nine per cent, while the white prisoners, to ten thousand whites increased only eight per cent." "In the states where slavery was never established, the white prisoners increased seven per cent faster than the white population, while the negro prisoners no less than thirty-nine per cent faster than the negro population. Thus the increase of negro criminality, so far as it is reflected in the number of prisoners, exceeded the increase of white criminality more in the north than it did in the south."

The statistics in this case were gathered by Prof. W. F. Willcox of Cornell university and are doubtless correct.

Mr. Warner questions the efficacy of the so-called higher education as a solvent and favors rather an education along industrial lines. He says:

"The common school must be as fully sustained and as far reaching as it is in the north, reaching the lowest in the city slums and the most ignorant in the agricultural districts, but to its strictly elemental teaching must be added moral instruction, and training in industries and in habits of industry. Only by such rudimentary and industrial training can the mass of the negro race in the United States be expected to improve in character and position. A top dressing of culture on a field with no depth of soil may for a moment simulate the promise of vegetation, but no fruit will be produced."

"The effort for his elevation must be fundamental. The opportunity of the common school must be universal, and attendance in it compulsory. Beyond this, training in the decencies of life, in conduct and in all the industries, must be offered in such industrial institutions as that of Tuskegee. For the exceptional cases a higher education can be easily provided for those who show themselves worthy of it."

This seems a reasonable view of the question, and it is certain that institutions such as that at Tuskegee have shown far better ultimate results than those which offered to the negro, with too little discrimination, the higher branches of education to the exclusion of the more practical industrial branches. Northerners who wish to assist in solving the question of the southern negro can contribute safely to the support of southern industrial institutions, but the northern negro needs assistance too, and that without delay.

THE ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE.

The great missionary gathering of the year was held last week in Carnegie hall, New York, a number of churches being utilized also to accommodate the phenomenally large attendance. At every session the great capacity of Carnegie hall was taxed to the utmost. The plans had been admirably arranged and were carried out with little or no friction.

The addresses almost without exception were worthy of the great occasion, and as heard, or when read, cannot fail to give a great impetus to the work of missions. The audiences were in full sympathy with the speakers to a point of almost unequalled enthusiasm, the addresses being constantly interrupted by applause. Probably the most picturesque figure present was that of the venerable John G. Paton, the story of whose life has been read by so many with interest.

In connection with missionary work the following statistics were given:

The total number of missionaries, including ordained physicians, lay missionaries, married women not physicians, unmarried women not physicians, is 13,607, divided as follows: England, 5,136; United States, 4,110; Germany, 1,515; Scotland, 653. The different departments are in very much the same proportions, though there are some interesting points. The literary department shows 421 Bible translations, of which 148 are of Asiatic languages, 115 African, 60 European, 56 Australasian, 35 North American, and 7 South American. The Bible societies report a total of 2,535,466 volumes circulated—91,761 Bibles, 226,741 Testaments, and 2,216,964 portions. The annual circulation of the various tract societies is estimated at 14,494,098 copies.

Much emphasis was given to educational work, all the speakers on this subject emphasizing the need of the highest and best training for missionaries, and especially in the philosophy and methods of teaching. It was rec-

ognized that education had come to be the right arm of successful mission work.

"The Relation of Missions to Government" was discussed in an exceptionally able paper by the Hon. James B. Angell, president of the University of Michigan and ex-minister to Turkey. It was one of the notable addresses of the conference.

Thursday was Women's day, and was possibly the most enthusiastic and suggestive meeting of the week. It emphasized the extent and influence of a factor in missionary work which fifty years ago had no recognized existence. The addresses were full of personal experience and incident, were tender and effective, and rarely exceeded the limit of time. It seemed the rule in the ordinary sessions for the speaker to exceed his limit of time, and the chairman had constant use for his warning bell; in these women's meetings the bell was scarcely once needed. The notable paper of the evening meeting was by the great traveler, Mrs. Isabella Bird Bishop. At the imposing afternoon mass meeting of women workers over 400 women missionaries, representing over forty societies and nearly as many mission fields, were presented to the audience.

The conference from every standpoint was a great success and not least in its gratifying exhibition of Christian Unity.

RUM AND RIFLES.

It was right and proper that emphasis was given in the Missionary conference to the evil and danger of putting firearms and rum in the hands of people unaccustomed to restraint. The addresses of John G. Paton, pleading in behalf of the New Hebrides, and of Dr. T. L. Cuyler, for the Philippines as well, along with that of Dr. Battersley should lead to such concerted action as will bring to bear the pressure of public opinion on congress and secure the legislation needed to put our country as to this on a par with Great Britain and other commercial nations. For it is to our shame that we are the chief offenders. The apostle to the New Hebrides stated that each president, from Cleveland to McKinley, had recognized and endorsed the duty, but were unable to do anything to stop the traffic until congress should have legislated on the matter. Let the appeal therefore be made to our legislators, that this reproach on us as a Christian nation may be removed. Though legislation be needed as regards the New Hebrides, as to the

Philippines, so long as they are under military law an order of the commander-in-chief, it seems, would accomplish the reform, and this the Christian sentiment of the nation rightly and urgently demands.

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The Federation of Hartford churches is making haste slowly toward organization, but its importance justifies deliberate action. There is doubtless great need for such an organization, and we trust it will soon be in working order and accomplishing practical results. But all around co-operation is needed if the best results are to be obtained.

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The famine in India continues, and the results in human suffering are dreadful. The need of help is urgent, and a small sum contributed will accomplish a great deal of relief. Not only is there a famine of food, but of water also, in some districts it being necessary to pay a high price for drinking water. The English government is making heroic efforts toward relief, and so are our missionaries, but there is an opportunity for all to help.



Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

On Wednesday evening, April 25th, the reception committee with their lady friends enjoyed a banquet which was given in honor of Mr. C. H. Brigham, who retires from the chairmanship of the committee after three years of faithful service. He was presented with a handsome Bible in the revised version by the members of the committee. Mr. A. R. McKinney was recommended for chairman and the following officers were elected: Vice-chairman, C. W. Squires; secretary, W. H. Bunce; treasurer, C. E. Arnold.

The closing exercises of the Hillyer Institute were largely attended. Prof. John E. Sweet of Syracuse, N. Y., gave a very interesting address upon the subject "Mechanics, their relation to each other, to their employers and to manufacturing industries." The singing by Mrs. Marwick was greatly appreciated by the audience.

The total enrollment for the year was 336 in nineteen classes. The individual enrollment was 248. Attendance certificates were given to 114 students and eight received department awards.

The exhibition of work done during the season was kept open for a week and a large number of friends came in to inspect the work.

A special meeting of the board of directors when fifteen out of nineteen were present, was held Monday, April 30. Mr. Hersey's resignation, which was presented several months ago, was accepted to take effect immediately. A committee consisting of Colonel Charles A. Jewell, Atwood Collins and Herbert Knox Smith was appointed to secure a new secretary to take Mr. Hersey's place.

The following resolution was adopted by the board of directors:

Resolved, That in very reluctantly accepting the resignation of Mr. George M. Hersey as general secretary of the Young Men's Christian association, the members of the board of directors wish to express their strong sense of gratitude to him for his untiring, vigorous and self-sacrificing labors in behalf of the association their deep appreciation of the almost inestimable value of his work in the history of the institution, and their very sincere regret, both personally and officially, at the loss which both they themselves and the association will have to meet upon the breaking of his long connection with them.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

By Charles A. Pease, Secretary.

Mr. L. N. Irwin who has had charge of the religious and social work has gone to Mt. Hermon where he will pursue some special studies at the summer school.

Mr. R. P. Finley, our membership secretary, severed his connection with the Hartford association May 1st to re-enter commercial life.

Rev. H. E. Peabody gave a very interesting address at the men's meeting last Sunday. The meetings will be discontinued through the summer months.

BUSINESS AND PLEASURE.

Now is the time for spring planting. A large line of nursery stock can be found at W. E. Wallace's, Farmington Ave. Make your own selection, and if you wish Mr. Wallace will furnish a man to do the planting. Among seasonable suggestions are Evergreens, Rhododendrons, Azaleas, Cannas, Vines, etc.

First Clerk—What a tiresome customer that woman is!

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REV. C. N. NICHOLS,
Andover, Conn., May 1, 1900.

"Lester, dear," said Mrs. Giddings, anxiously to her husband, "I don't like that cough of yours."

"I'm sorry," replied Giddings, "but it is the best I have."—Collier's.

Ladies are much interested this season in the Lovell Diamond, which weighs only 22 pounds, yet is a strong and durable wheel. It can be seen at G. N. Olmsted's, 186 Pearl St., and can be purchased on very favorable terms.

"I tell you sir," said the calamity-howler, "this country is doomed, sir—doomed."

"Is this the same old doom or a brand-new one?" asked the optimist.—Exchange.

At the Domestic Sewing Machine office, 85 Pratt St., can be seen and tested the "Light Running Domestic" a valuable feature of which is the new ball-bearing stand. To be appreciated it must be tested. It is surprising how much human effort is saved by this device.

A superintendent of a Congregational Sunday school in England relates the following true incident: The title of the lesson was "The Rich Young Man," and the Golden Text, "One thing thou lackest." A lady teacher in the primary class asked a little tot to repeat the two, and looking earnestly in the teacher's face, the child unblushing told her, "One thing thou lackest—a rich young man."—Ram's Horn.

The Sewing Machine that never fails to give satisfaction is the New Home. For Sale at Brown, Thompson & Co.'s.

"Why, Patrick, you seem to be in great pain—you have taken something that disagrees with you."

"Yes, doctor, I swallowed a potato bug by accident, and although I took some Paris green a minute after, it don't quiet the disgraceful little baste. He's racing up and down and all around inside of me."

At the hardware store of Robert C. Witte, 261 Main St., can be found a fine line of lawn mowers. Also window and door screens, seeds, garden tools and other seasonable articles. Lawn mowers repaired.

She handed the check to the paying teller. She was calm and collected, as if it was an everyday matter.

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"Endorse it?" with a little worried smile.

"Yes; you must write your name on the back here to show that you will repay this back in case the issuer of this check should fail to answer or call."

"Oh!" she said, accepting the pen.

When the teller looked at the check again this is what she read:

"The—bank has always paid up what it owes, and you need have no worry. Therefore, I endorse this check. Very truly yours, Mrs. J. B. Blanks."

The teller fell over into the vault.—Syracuse Herald.

At the Hartford Monumental Works. P. J. Breen, Prop., can be seen a fine assortment of monuments and marking stones of every description. If an order is placed at once these can be lettered and set up before Decoration Day. Call at the showrooms, 1066 Main St.

MISSIONARY NOTES.

It is claimed that Paul Kruger was converted under the preaching of the late Dr. David Lindley, a missionary from Charlotte, to South Africa, and that he, Dr. Lindley, was instrumental in securing for Kruger an education.

A writer in The Churchman suggests: "It is true, though strange, that for the first six years or so very little visible effect is produced by missionary teaching and influence. The mind of a pagan descendant of innumerable centuries of pagans appears to be for some time impenetrable to the Christian doctrine, and, no matter how zealously a missionary may strive with him, he continues to present a wooden dullness, until by and by there is a gleam of interest; he catches the idea, as it were; and the interest becomes infectious and spreads from family to family, and converts multiply rapidly."

Last night, while in conversation with two men who have lately come into the church, I asked this question, "In the last twenty years, up to the time of your conversion, how many Christians spoke to you about your soul's salvation?" To this query, one made reply, "not one;" and the other had been approached by but two. Another, a lady, told me when I asked her why she was not a Christian, that while she had been living in the community ten years, and during all that time had kept the company of Christians, I was the first to show a Christian's interest in her soul. This is not as it ought to be.—Selected.

General Booth reports that the "army" now has 158 shelters and food depots, 121 slum posts with "slum sisters," 37 labor bureaus, 60 labor factories for the unemployed, 11 land colonies, 91 rescue homes for women, 11 labor homes for ex-criminals, and several other sorts of institutions calculated to lift up the fallen. The total number of institutions is 545, employing 2,000 trained officers, who labor in 45 countries. He affirms that over the gates of every one of these institutions there might be written with truth: "No man or woman need starve or beg or pauperize or steal or commit suicide. If willing to work, apply within. Here there is hope for all."

A correspondent of the Detroit Free Press, speaking of the determination of the English Wesleyans to raise a Twentieth Century Fund of at least 1,000,000 guineas, says: "This scheme to push the work begun by John Wesley as it never has been pushed before—in fact, to make it, if possible, the new but unofficial Church of England—has aroused surprising activity in religious circles everywhere, and its example is said to have inspired American Methodists to start even a greater fund, just as it has been the means of inciting the British Baptists and Congregationalists to begin vast independent Twentieth Century Funds, besides furnishing a bright precedent for other important and growing religious funds all over the world, the total being estimated roughly at fully \$50,000,000."

An old Buddhist, bent with age,

nearly blind, scarcely able to walk, spoke thus to a Wesleyan missionary in Ceylon of his hope for the future: "I am ninety-six. I have climbed Adam's Peak (where Buddha is said to have left his footprints) twenty times; I have visited the 'Temple of the Tooth and Kandy' seven times; I have had a number of Buddhist books copied and given to Buddhist priests; I have never killed an animal, only on a few occasions have I caught some fish. So you see I have plenty of merit, and I shall be born well in my next life."—The Missionary Review.

How have times changed! A hundred years ago, when the Church Missionary society was founded, the bishops timorously held back from it, scenting heresy in it, and the archbishop of Canterbury hesitated to give his sanction to the new foundation. And now a stately array of princes of the church delight to have a part in the jubilee of the same society! Nay, more: the archbishop of Canterbury himself, the Primate of the English church, delivered the Centenary Sermon.—Allgemeine Missions Zeitschrift.

A few years ago a doctor, with his two sons, was baptized by the German missionaries in China. One of the sons related that his grandfather had gone as a rebel in the army of the Taipings to Nankin. When he came back he was an altered man. He worshipped idols no longer, and became angry when asked to do so. He was often found lying on his mat with his face to the earth as if he were praying; nobody then dared to disturb him. After his death they found among his medical books—for he also was a doctor—a New Testament which he had carried away from Nankin.—Evangelisches Missions Magazin.

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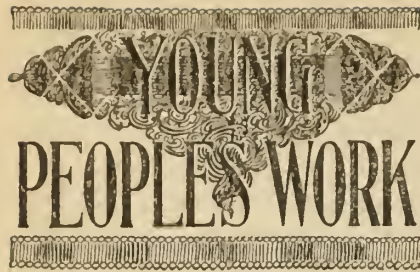


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HARTFORD UNION NOTES.

The April meeting of the Hartford Union was held with the Farmington Avenue Congregational Society on Wednesday evening, April 25. The beautiful church was made more beautiful by the palms and decorations which had been used during the afternoon and kindly left during the evening. Mr. H. S. Goslee, the president of the Union, presided. Scripture was read by the Rev. W. DeLoss Love and prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Peabody. The lead in the song service was taken by a chorus of men representing the different societies. Mr. Loveland kindly officiated at the organ. The address of the evening was on "The Sober Man's Burden—The Drunkard," and delivered by the Hon. Edgar M. Warner of Putnam, whose clear and candid presentation of the subject admitted of no argument. The saloon system of today is all Mr. Warner pictured it to be, and there is really no reason why a Christian community will submit to the present state of affairs. The fact that drunken "rounders" crowd our police courts is evidence that our present "jail sentence" is no solution to this side of the problem. There is a solution, however, and it is high time the Christian taxpayer refused to support these indolent drunks at his expense. It is just as true that it is high time that a Christian nation refused to license a system to thus destroy her manhood. Mr. Warner held the fixed attention of his large audience during his remarks. Just prior to Mr. Warner's address Miss Gertrude C. Laidlaw, of this city sang with much feeling, "Glory to Thee, my God, this night."

The banner was awarded at this meeting to the Rocky Hill Congregational Society, whose percentage of attendance at Consecration meetings was 91.481. The Rocky Hill Epworth league of Christian Endeavor and the Farmington Avenue Congregational Society were close behind. During the meeting a committee was appointed to nominate a successor to Mrs. H. L. Strong, as junior superintendent. Mrs. Allen W. Brown was selected and subsequently elected to fill the vacancy.

During the month of June are to be held the sectional meetings for the five different sections of the Union, as well as the Junior Rally. What is needed in these meetings is the co-operation of each director.

Mr. Mansfield of New Haven, who is ever on the lookout to furnish the Endeavorers of Connecticut with an outing, is now arranging a trip to Boston, to the farewell meeting there on the evening of July 2. Points of interest to be visited from there are Old Orchard Beach, Portland, (visiting the Williston church) Crawford Notch, and return via the Connecticut Valley.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR PRAYER MEETING TOPICS.

(From the Presbyterian C. E. Manual.)

May 13.—Vision and Service.—Ex. 24: 15-18; 32: 19, 20; Matt. 17:1-8, 14-20.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

Look, then lift.

Use the soul's eyes to help the soul's muscles.

Every special vision is a preparation for a special service.

Seeing Jesus gives power.

We are to live on the plain, but in the power of the mountain top.

We must look up before we can rise.

There is no low life except the life that looks down.

There is a straight line from the eyes of every soul to heaven.

If we saw Christ better we would serve men more.

May 20.—The power of a temperate life.—Dan. 1:1-17.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

The self-mastered life masters the world.

He who cannot deny himself will surely deny his Lord.

The temperate triumph.

Self restrained, strength gained.

The intemperate become the tearful.

True temperance is not a hobby in one respect, but a rule of life.

Temperance touches the temper, as well as the wine glass.

Satan is satisfied to have us abstain from strong drink, if only he can make us intemperate in other respects.

Only tempered steel can cut.

None but the temperate man can enjoy himself.

Christ is our Master when we master ourself.

May 27.—Have patience.—Matt. 18: 21-35.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

He cannot work well who cannot also wait well.

The lesson of eternity is one with the lesson of patience.

The true can afford to be patient; eternity is theirs.

The patient man gains the end desired and a victory over self as well.

The powerful are patient; they can afford to be. Only the weak worry.

Patience is a virtue of the brave.

Christian patience is born of faith in God.

Impatience spoils more work than inability.

Prayer perfects patience.

When we lose patience we really lose part of ourself.

June 3.—How to be a good neighbor.—Luke 10:25-37.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

Neighborhoods are not measured by miles, but by influence.

The selfish are solitary.

The helpful hand is the best hand to shake.

We can be niggardly with neighborliness as well as with gold.

Because every man is needy, God provides him a neighbor.

He who thinks of himself last will be thought of first by his neighbor.

The charity that begins and ends too near home is selfishness.

"The responsibility of contiguity" puts us under special obligation to our nearest neighbor.

A WORD TO LEADERS.

Every endeavorer, if he is true to his full duty, will at some time or other be called upon to undertake the important task of leading a prayer meeting. This responsibility should not be undertaken thoughtlessly, nor yet should it be shirked. As soon as you are assigned to a meeting, at once look up the Scripture of the topic, that it may be in your mind for meditation as you go about your daily duties. Direct your reading somewhat into the line of the theme of the meeting. Mark and lay aside apt quotations and incidents. Thus by full preparation, preparation that should of course include much prayer, you master the subject of your service. Not all of the material you have acquired is to be used, by any means. From the richness of your supply select the most essential portion of your very brief remarks. If there are special points to be developed, share your material privately with a few members. By judicious prearrangement of this sort you will see that the most important phases of the topic are touched upon in the meeting, and also that the exercises do not suffer from lack of prayer and song. Plan to have one or two hymns started without announcement or instrument.

Collect a few of the most spiritually minded members to meet you for a short special prayer service just before the meeting. Thus these members will be attuned to the service and you will secure the blessings that prayer alone can bring. Begin promptly. Remember that it is not always necessary nor even wise, to open a meeting with a song service. From the outset bear in mind that you are not to be the meeting, you are simply to lead it, and your part should be apparently small. Do not forget the stranger or the new member; let him have a chance to participate.

Give sparkle and brightness to the service, but do not strive inordinately after variety. The concert reading of a hymn, instead of singing it; a moment of prayer before the scripture reading, that all hearts may be open to it, and a brief period of silent meditation upon the word that has been read; the recitation of a part or the whole of the pledge, the singing, with bowed heads and closed eyes, of some prayer song—such are simple novelties that aid the spirit of a meeting and add to its impressiveness. Strive to cultivate the devotional spirit, and spontaneity and informality.

Then make the meeting stand for something. Aim to give it one predominating characteristic that will remain as a clear impress upon the minds of the attendants. When you close the exercises, do not break them off in the middle. Lead up to the end. Let the last moments be peaceful, dignified, fitting.—Christian Endeavor Manual.

Meekness is not weakness; it is strength enduring wrong or pain patiently.

We are so anxious to make a living, we have forgotten how to live.

The new life is strong, for it shares the power of God.

The new life is at peace, because it is in God.



WOMAN'S WORK

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

The Woman's Christian Temperance union has held four very interesting meetings, that deserve special mention.

Mrs. E. S. Ferry gave a Bible reading on the words "Our Father." This was most sympathetic and interesting, and those who were present were very much pleased. The meeting in the interests of Press work was opened by a paper on the "Power of the Press" by the local superintendent of Press work.

The county superintendent read two papers on "How Our Forefathers got the News" and "How the W. C. T. U. Utilizes the Press." We also had two papers and a poem from the "Exchange Bureau."

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Dr. Crothers gave up a most interesting and instructive talk upon the scientific aspect of the alcohol habit and heredity. Dr. Crothers is eminently fitted to speak upon the subject and has had a wide experience with the victims of the great curse.

Miss Jessie Ackerman, who so delighted three large audiences in February returned to us and gave a lecture upon "Mission Work in All Lands and Barriers to its Success."

Miss Ackerman has had a wide acquaintance with missionaries and mission work, and did not hesitate to tell us what our faults, as a nation, are.

Several of the members enjoyed the county convention at Plainville and came away inspired to "press on, and on, and on."

At our next meeting we shall welcome Mrs. L. W. Bunce of New Britain, who comes to us with a special message. Mrs. Bunce has recently been elected president of the Hartford County W. C. T. U.

SOCIAL SETTLEMENT.

The Settlement is beginning to look attractive outside as well as inside since the weather permitted gardening. Our back yard has burst into bloom and three pansy beds brighten the front yard. We have started young plants to be purchased by the children and cared for at home with a prize in store for the best display next fall.

We are planning to have a house in the country this summer where our club members may spend a week in parties of five or six.

WOMAN'S WORK.

In Kansas the travelling libraries have been adopted by the state, and the State house at Topeka forms their headquarters. The collection of these books and their circulation was started by the State Federation and carried on for several years, but they have

finally turned it over to the state. Like most other bodies of men, the Kansas state legislature is ready to carry on a good work after it is once fairly started by women.—Delineator.

Those who heard Miss Wray at the Y. M. C. A. will be interested in the following item.

On Thursday, October 26, we enjoyed the rare treat of listening to Miss Sara Wray of London, England. Miss Wray was conducting meetings in the city for the Evangelistic Association of New England, and through their intercession she came to us. She gave, by request, her experience from the time she consecrated her life to the Master's service. Her address was full of thrilling incidents especially as she portrayed the time spent in the Whitechapel district of London.

Miss Wray's personality, enriched by years of service to the unfortunate, manifested itself in the truest eloquence. We were not ashamed of our tears, neither do we regret having been brought in close touch with some of the sadder phases of humanity. Miss Wray will probably never know what an object-lesson in oratory she was to us; neither can she realize how far she has aided in expanding our spiritual horizon.—Emerson College Magazine.

TEMPERANCE NOTES.

While drinking whisky was the fashion all about him, Abraham Lincoln never forgot his dead mother's request to close his lips against intoxicants. Once, when he was a member of congress, a friend criticised him for his seeming rudeness in declining to test the rare wines provided by their host, urging as a reason for the reproof, "There is certainly no danger of a man of your years and habits becoming addicted to its use." "I mean no disrespect, John," answered Mr. Lincoln, "but I promised my precious mother only a few days before she died that I would never use anything intoxicating as a beverage, and I consider that promise as binding today as it was the day I made it." "There is a great difference between a child surrounded by a rough class of drinkers and a man in a home of refinement," insisted the friend. "But a promise is a promise forever, John, and when made to a mother it is doubly binding," replied Mr. Lincoln.—National Advocate.

In Austria drunkards are treated under the curatel law that applies to persons mentally afflicted and to spendthrifts, their affairs being placed in charge of an administrator. A person suffering from excessive indulgence in drink may be brought judicially under the law. But in Galicia, Cracow, and Bukowina there are special laws for the punishment of persons drunk in public places, while persons convicted of drunkenness three times in one year are prohibited from visiting public houses. A bill has been introduced in the Austrian Reichsrath providing for the erection of public asylums for drunkards, who may be detained for two years on complaint of their relatives or of the public authorities.—London Times.

The Anti-Tobacco Society of France is about to make King Menelik, of Abyssinia, a member. It has learned that smoking is almost unknown in that country, and is punished as a crime when practiced. French explorers have to smoke their cigarettes in secret.

Legalized rum selling is statutory murder. The principal is responsible for the acts of his agents. The vote which fails to protect approves. The preacher's hand that casts it is red with the blood of drunkards. No quibble can dodge this conclusion. Voting for a saloon party, the vender is your saloon keeper. Your ballot establishes the murder agency, and before God you are responsible. Your ballot is the saloon keepers' dagger.—H. Clay Bascom.

The temperance people of Fredonia, N. Y., are rejoicing over a victory gained at a special election held January 30, in that village; prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, was carried by a good majority.

ADMIRAL SAMPSON A TEETOTALER.

In a letter to a no-license meeting in Cambridge, Mass., a few nights ago, Admiral Sampson said: "It is my opinion that the only certainly safe position for any person to take on the question of using intoxicating liquors is the position total abstinence. In like manner I believe that no-license is the only position for any community to advocate for the absolute security of its people."

FOREVER.

Hebrews—13:8.

The storm-tossed tide,
Sounds far and wide,
And 'gainst the rock's firm height
It hurls its crest
With loud protest,
And breaks in fury white.
We all would say,
'Twill last for aye,
Of all earth's great and small,
There's naught can stand
So sure and grand
As rock so wondrous tall.
But year by year,
They tell with fear,
Of ledges worn away;
Of land washed down,
Far out to drown,
And change from day to day.
What then stands strong,
While ages throng,
Since earth-shapes pass away,
And eyes lose sight,
And limbs their might,
And change doth all things sway?
Far from above,
In tones of love,
Than aught below more sure,
"From day to day,
From way to way,
Christ Jesus shall endure."
"From yester light,
'Till yester night,
From dark 'till dawn" 'tis heard,
"And so till mind
And matter find
The 'ever' of the word."

VIRGINIA VIETCH.



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Questions on musical subjects of general interest will be answered in this department.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

Master H.—Hartford. You will make no mistake if you thoroughly master the form of the major scale in the key of C, and its relative a minor. After you have accomplished this, learn the normal intervals. You can then begin the study of the triads. Write all your exercises carefully, and also play them on the piano. Do not fail to make review work a very prominent feature in your daily practice.

If you thoroughly master the forms of the scales of C major, and A minor, you will find little difficulty in transposing them to G major and E minor. It will not be long before you will gain a fair degree of facility in writing and playing the scales, if you devote some time each day to the exercise. Patience and perseverance are two words that you should ever keep in mind.

Mrs. C.—Hartford.

The principal tones in any key are the first, fifth and fourth. Technically the Tonic, Dominant and Sub-Dominant. The characteristic tones of the key are the fourth and seventh. In the key of C F and B are the characteristic tones. In the dominant seventh chord of C, the F excludes the key of G and the B excludes the key of F. The mode will be major or minor. If the fourth moves a half step the mode will be major. If the fourth moves a whole step the mode will be minor. Almost any good text book on harmony will give you further information.

Master John—Hartford.

Mason says: The chief composers for the piano are Bach, Mozart, Schubert, Weber, Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Chopin, Schumann, Rubenstein, Brahms and Grieg."

Next: "Clementi, Dussek, Liszt, Saint-Saens, Nicode and Heller."

A gentleman writes asking the question: "What end does music serve in church economy?"

This is an interesting question, and if any one who is actively engaged in church work wishes to answer it we will gladly give space for an article of reasonable length.

Miss M.—Rockville.

Op. 37 (Air de Ballet, No. 3.) by Chaminade.

Op. 28, No. 3, in C sharp minor (Impromptu) by Reinhold, or Valse, op. 34, No. 1, by Moszkowski, will be effective for the occasion, unless you want something of a quiet nature.

Charles Scribner's Sons have just published a new work on "Chopin, The Man and His Music," by Huneker. Later we shall have something to say about the book.

The daily papers will keep you posted on current musical affairs in Hartford.

The Sunday entertainment at the Center church is still popular, although it received a severe shock in the death of Dr. Lamson.



IMAGINARY ILLS.

It is probably within bounds to say that a large proportion, if not fully one-half, of the troubles which afflict mankind are wholly imaginary, or at least greatly exaggerated. A considerable part of every physician's practice consists in the treatment of minor ailments, and of diseases which exist only in his patients' imagination.

If this were all, and the only result of too much introspection and notice of supposed symptoms were to increase the physician's income, there would not be so much to be said against it. But unfortunately, imaginary diseases cause a great deal of suffering—as much as, if not more than, the real troubles of which they are the counterfeits.

There are few more wretched objects than the confirmed hypochondriac, whose days and nights are spent in counting his pulse, looking at his tongue, noticing every flutter in his chest or little shooting pain in his head, and reading medical books and the circulars of quacks.

Such a man is perhaps more to be pitied than the victim of fatal disease; for while he may live longer, his life is so barren of happiness as to be scarcely worth the having.

There is almost no disease which one who makes a constant study of every little unusual sensation cannot imagine himself to have, but heart-disease is perhaps the one oftenest simulated. It is so easy to count the pulse and to imagine queer sensations in the chest, and the rhythm of the heart-beats changes under such slight provocation, especially if there is a little indigestion, that nothing is simpler than to imagine oneself the subject of some serious disease of this organ.

The habit is thus formed of watching one's symptoms; and once formed, it is most difficult to overcome.

The best protection against the acquiring of such a habit is education in childhood. Parents should never appear solicitous, nor take notice of every little ache or pain with which a child runs to its mother. A sharp stitch in the side does not always mean pneumonia, nor a stomach-ache appendicitis, and children should be taught to disregard little discomforts. If a child is given a very light supper

and put to bed when it complains, it will soon learn not to exaggerate small ills.

Real sickness usually makes its presence known by unmistakable signs, and there is slight danger that a manly disregard of minor ailments, and a refusal to be frightened by them, will lead to the neglect of any really serious trouble.

APPENDICITIS.

The vermiform appendix, inflammation of which constitutes appendicitis, is a curious little offshoot from the large intestine near the point where it is joined by the small intestine. It is a hollow tube about as thick as a lead-pencil, from an inch to several inches in length, which communicates with the cavity of the large intestine but is closed at its free extremity. Nobody knows definitely what its use is, and many think it has no use at all.

It is popular belief that inflammation of the appendix is often caused by the lodgment in it of a grape-seed or some similar little body, but as a matter of fact this very seldom occurs, and no one need deprive himself of a delicious and nourishing fruit from any such fear.

There are probably very few persons of middle age who have not had appendicitis, but fortunately they did not know it. It is only when the inflammation becomes severe, and involves the parts about the appendix, that violent symptoms appear, and this occurs in only a small proportion of cases.

The disease is more frequent with the young than with the middle-aged or old.

In mild cases the only symptom is a slight dull or colicky pain in or near the right groin. When the inflammation is more severe, or extends to the neighboring parts, the symptoms become more pronounced. There is a sharp pain in the abdomen, signs of dyspepsia—loss of appetite, nausea or vomiting, and bowel disturbances—are present, and there is often slight fever.

In the most serious cases a sudden, violent pain occurs, there is marked fever, and the patient is depressed and presents all the signs of being very ill. Hiccough is often a distressing symptom.

The treatment of appendicitis is one of the points upon which doctors disagree. Some believe that in nearly every case a cure will follow rest in bed, a milk diet, cold applications to the abdomen and sedative remedies. Others assert that an operation is necessary in every instance, and that this should be performed the instant a diagnosis of appendicitis is made, before serious symptoms appear.

The proper course here as elsewhere, is doubtless the middle one, for in many cases an operation is absolutely necessary to save life, while in others recovery will take place without subjecting the patient to this serious risk. In any case a sufferer from appendicitis is in danger, and should be under the constant care of his physician.—The Youths Companion.

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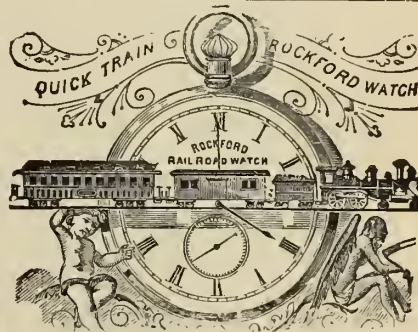
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A director of the Standard Oil Company has recently published in *The Independent* an article declaring trusts to be good for the workingman. To the May Century, Andrew Carnegie of the Carnegie Company, which rivals the Standard Oil for first place among the world's great corporations, will contribute an essay taking the same ground.

In McClure's Magazine for May, Professor Simon Newcomb will write of the total solar eclipse that is to occur on May 28, telling where and to what degree it will be visible and what astronomers hope to learn from it. He will also give an account of the important things that have been learned from previous eclipses. The article will be fully illustrated.

E. C. Peixotto, the artist, has been spending the winter in Paris, and has made a brilliant series of illustrations showing the Exposition buildings. They will appear in the May Scribner's with a brief article by Mr. Peixotto, giving his personal impressions.

Thackeray once wrote, "Reckon among the blessings which Heaven hath bestowed on thee, the love of faithful women. Purify thine own heart and try to make it worthy of theirs. All the rewards of ambition, wealth, pleasure, only vanity and disappointment, grasped as greedily, fought over fiercely, and over and over again found worthless by the universe." Such were the ideals that sad-hearted but cheerful visaged Thackeray worshipped. His own experience with married life was unutterably sad; for though his wife was living, yet he suffered more than the pangs of a widower for twenty-three years. His wife, after fifty-three years in an insane asylum, died only six years ago. The pathos of it is very tenderly told by Clara E. Laughlin in the May issue of *The Delineator*.

In the Review of Reviews for May, there is editorial comment on Admiral Dewey's candidacy; on the government of Porto Rico under the law recently passed by congress; on the proposed government of Alaska, and on the developments of the month in financial and industrial circles. Other topics treated in "The Progress of the World" are the rush to Cape Nome, fox-breeding in Alaska, the April elections, the epidemic of strikes, the opening of the Paris fair, the military operations in South Africa, and the Delagoa Bay award.

The "World" Almanac and Encyclopaedia is a book considered almost indispensable by many persons. It is a book of reference regarding everyday

questions, and is concise, comprehensive and authoritative. It is published at fifty cents by The Press Publishing Co., of New York city.

Messrs. McCalla & Company of Philadelphia have just issued a new collection of Sunday-school songs. It is entitled "Heavenly Sunlight" and is the work of J. Howard Entwisle, Powell G. Fithian, Adam Geibel, and R. Frank Lehman. There are 113 well selected songs and hymns. The book is neatly bound and well printed. It sells for the low price of twelve cents a copy or one dollar and twenty cents a dozen.

The opening of the Exhibition in Paris, writes Mrs. S. A. Tooley in the May Quiver, seems a fitting occasion to draw attention to the great Christian agencies at work in the slums of the gay capital. A visit to some of the mission stations would be found to

Those representations which have best satisfied the ideal of their time belong in this category. The present brochure is simply a brief effort to set down in order some of the attempts that have been made, under varying degrees of inspiration and influence, to picture the Saviour and his life-work.

The volume amply keeps the implied promise of this preface. The numerous excellent illustrations in half-tone are representative of widely differing tastes and times. The text is clear and sympathetic and the author deserves much credit for the delicate consideration he gives his subject. The critical comments show a technical understanding and add much to the value of the book.

Through the kindness of the publishers we are enabled to reproduce the illustration "Christ at Emmaus."

The True William Penn. By Sydney



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yield a delightful variety of interest to the Exhibition sights, as well as to the regulation round of picture galleries, churches, and museums to which the general visitor to Paris sets himself.

The second of the two-volume "Shorter Life of D. L. Moody," to which we referred in the April number has recently come to hand. It relates particularly to the work of Moody, as the first volume related the story of his life. Both volumes comprise a fairly comprehensive biography of the subject. The price for both volumes is twenty-five cents, paper bound. The Bible Institute Colportage association of Chicago are the publishers.

Christ in Art. By Joseph L. French. 267 pages, 12 mo. Boston: L. C. Page & Co. Price \$2.00.

As the author says in his foreword "there has never been, and never can be, a greatest picture of the Saviour, one on which the verdict of all time will be united, but a series of them."

George Fisher. 392 pages, 8 vo. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Company. Price \$2.00.

Like "The True Benjamin Franklin" and "The True George Washington," this new book, which is now in its second edition, purports to live up to its title and picture with impartiality and exactness the faults and virtues of William Penn, the man.

The question arises if idols should be ruthlessly cast down, or, if popular heroes should be divested of their laurels? If unqualifiedly we admire a man, has anyone a moral right to show us that he is unworthy of our admiration? If truth did not so inevitably prevail one might think it better often to allow a pleasing delusion to go uncorrected.

This book is iconoclastic. The Wm. Penn of popular history is pictured a very real man, a man of grave faults as well as virtues. The book is very interestingly and convincingly written and the deep investigation and study, the familiarity with the period and

subject exhibited throughout the book, forbids any suggestion that it is unauthoritative. While the average reader will not admire William Penn, the man, so much after reading this book, he will probably have learned more about that famous colonist and politician than he ever knew before.

The Girdle of the God. By Robert Shortz. 250 pages, 12 mo. New York: Home Publishing Co. Price: Cloth \$1.00. Paper 50 cents.

Some time ago a favorable notice of an earlier book of this author, "The Gift of Bonaparte," appeared in these columns. "The Girdle of the God" is his latest novel. It is quite different in theme from its predecessor.

Its events are laid in the times immediately following the conquest of Peru by Pizarro. A story of that period and locality must have in it such elements as vast treasures, intrigues, assassinations—and love affairs. The author is conventional as regards these elements but original in his treatment of them. He has strength and capacity for making the most of the dramatic possibilities and has produced a book which is a succession of fascinating chapters.

For the Freedom of the Sea. By Cyrus Townsend Brady. 339 pages, 12 mo. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. Price \$1.50.

This spirited story of the War of 1812 originally appeared as a serial in the Philadelphia Saturday Evening Post. It aroused a great deal of interest then and in the comparatively short time since its publication in its present form it has had a flattering sale. Something of a book's readability may generally be gauged by its sale. In addition to its interest, its adherence to fact makes it not misleading historically.

The story has two heroes who are half-brothers and belong respectively on the American ship "Constitution" and the British ship "Guerriere." Each brother's life is affected by the two young girls they fall in love with. This feature of the story and the vivid portrayal of the burning questions of the war make the book a distinctive one.

The author is Archdeacon of Philadelphia and is also a graduate of the Annapolis Naval Academy.

The numerous illustrations by George Gibbs are artistic and pleasing.

An Hour's Promise. By Annie Eliot Trumbull. 265 pages, 12 mo. New York: A. S. Barnes & Co. Price \$1.00.

This is a new edition of Miss Trumbull's first published novel. To speak first of the mechanical features of the volume, it may be remarked that it is very attractively bound and printed—much more attractive than was its former appearance.

The story is of a Southern girl named Altamera Clayton and her unusually romantic experiences. While she is before us in the story she has three separate, lukewarm love affairs—just one too many to allow the reader to admire her as fully as he might wish to. Still she is a charming character and an interesting one, revealing at times new traits that cause her personality to remain a fascinating puzzle.

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stance to the story, yet it is a sweet and a pleasing one. Its charm lies in the brilliancy of the conversations, in the understanding of human nature revealed, and in the descriptive portions—notably in the little etchings of Southern scenery.

There is a slight tone of sadness to the story—a sadness quite the opposite of morbidness, and which thrills and inspires instead of producing melancholy in even the slightest degree.

Ways of Wood Folk. By Wm. J. Long. 205 pages, 12 mo. First Series. Boston: Ginn & Company.

The book is written for young people, and the author consciously or unconsciously, addresses boys more particularly, but the book will appeal to, and equally interest, young and old.

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mentative gives a strong vindication of the Puritans and shows them as deserving beyond doubt high rank as social, political and religious reformers.

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A chapter upon "Jonathan Edwards" is of notable value. The same may be said of the ingenious chapter, "Shakespeare and the Puritans."

The volume is well illustrated in half-tone. We are enabled to reproduce in connection with this review a reproduction of a bas-relief, entitled, "John Eliot Preaching to the Indians." It is one of the illustrations of the chapter on "John Eliot, the Apostle to the Indians."

The Puritan Republic. By Daniel Wait Howe. 422 pages, large 8 vo. In-



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The Puritan as Colonist and Reformer. By Ezra Hoyt Byington, D. D. 375 pages, 8 vo. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. Price \$2.00.

This is not so much a history, although the first two papers are entirely historical, as it is a calm and reasonable consideration of the faults and follies which so often have been alleged against the Puritans as among their chief characteristics. It is a companion volume to "The Puritan in England." It takes up the various points in a quiet, impartial manner and without being markedly argu-

dianapolis: The Bowen-Merrill Co. Price \$3.50.

This is a concise and detailed history of the Puritans, from the time in England when the persecutions directed against them obliged them to flee to Holland, to the time when in this country the "Puritan Republic" ended by the federation of the colonies of New England into the United States of America.

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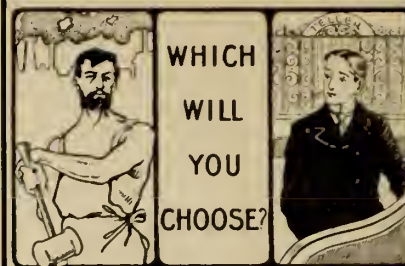
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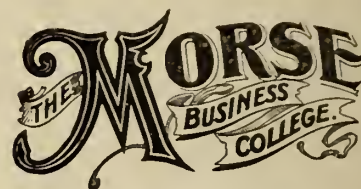
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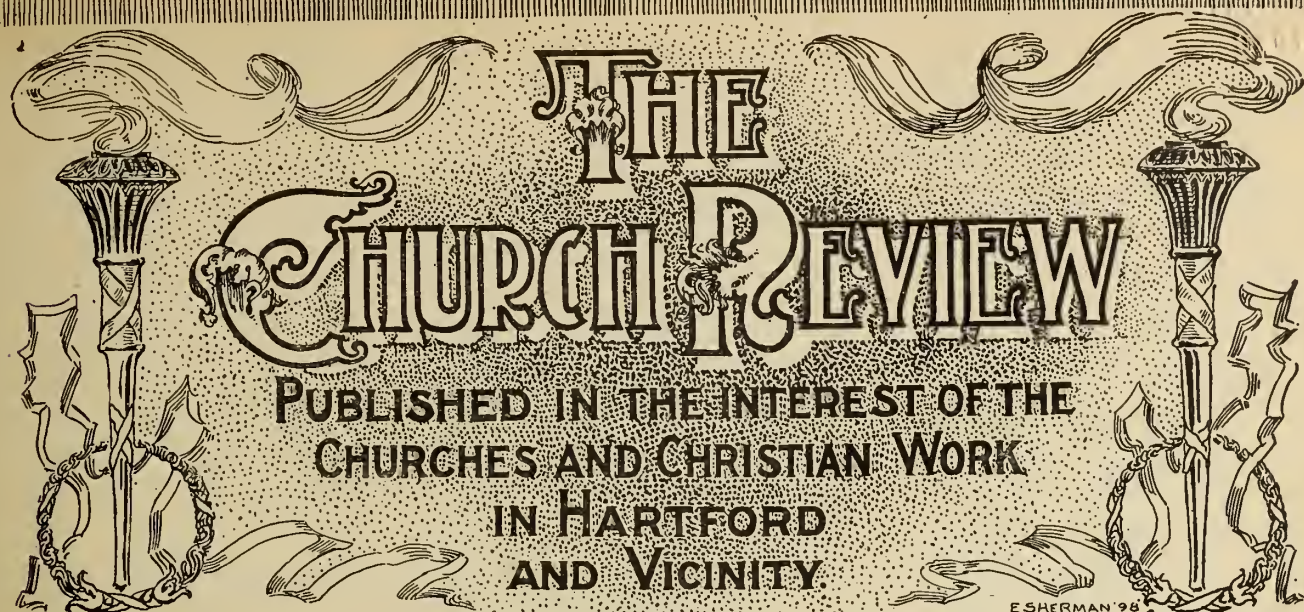


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BEGIN THE DAY.

By Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

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The stars doubt not, and they are undismayed,

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The star sheds radiance on a million worlds,

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No lustre from the star is lost, and not

One drop is missing from the ocean's tides.

O brother to the star and sea, know all

God's opulence is held in trust for those

Who wait serenely while they work in faith.

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RELIGION IN SUMMER.

Ernest de F. Miel.

Does the summer let-up in business explain the summer let-down in religion? Does the tendency to confine commercial activity to certain periods of the year account for the disposition to limit religious activity to certain seasons of the year? There can be no doubt that religion in summer has assumed the aspects of a problem,—serious enough to call for sober reflection. It is so much of a problem that few people, I fancy, would be willing to say that they were morally and spiritually at their best at this time of the year. For many of us, summer is the vacation season and the very thought of vacation suggests a temporary release from social conventions and formal restraints. If our religion

is largely a matter of social convention—a question of good form, it is likely that when we put away our good clothes we shall also put away most of our religion along with them. If our religion is part and parcel of us, it will not differ one way or the other whether we are clad in outing flannels or in our Sunday best. On parade or off parade, we shall be the same, if our religion is the expression of our inner life.

The truth is, we are too prone to make our religion depend on the practices of good society. Fashion is doubtless a good thing in its place. It saves time and trouble to follow others in matters of dress, custom and etiquette. But religion cannot be dealt with in this easy way. The issues are altogether too vital. The Christian cannot afford to take his cue in spiritual things from the way his neighbor is living. If my neighbor neglects divine worship, it may do for him, but it will not do for me. If my neighbor engages in certain doubtful pleasures, it may do for him, but it will not do for me. My orders are direct and plain: "Follow Me." There is one Man—one Man only that I can afford to pattern my life after without fear of losing touch with the reality of things.

Half of the disposition to turn the Lord's Day into a secular holiday is due to unintelligent imitation. We behave like sheep in this respect. Watch a flock as it follows the shepherd along the road. A foolish sheep turns aside and strikes into a by-path and immediately a dozen others are at his heels, scampering thoughtlessly across the fields. It requires practice, skill and exertion on the part of the shepherd to bring the wanderers back. So with people. In a given neighborhood, some one starts a pleasuring on Sunday and presently four or five others are caught with the notion. No one stops to think what it involves—what it would mean if the entire community went this way. The ultimate consequences, the effect on the common life are not considered. The one thought is, others spend Sunday this way, why not I?

Plainly we need to get back to first

principles. We need to recognize that a primary object of religion is to educate the soul to act on its own responsibility, to train the conscience to judge impartially in matters of conduct. We must learn to stand alone. In these days of change, the Christian is beset with a number of questions which he has got to settle for himself. This is the only safe course. If he faces these questions fairly and squarely, unmoved by the easy indifference of those about him, undecieved by the plausible excuses brought forward to justify a given course, there is little doubt but that he will arrive at a right decision. The sacredness of the Lord's Day will not suffer at his hands, nor will the summer be treated as a time for making light of those obligations which are an essential part of his religious life.

Summer brings its own peculiar responsibility, which is, the responsibility of increased leisure. While there is no holiday in the Christian career, these periods of rest are given us as seasons of refreshing—times for recreating our strength and renewing our powers so that we may take up our appointed tasks with new zeal and stronger purpose. The object of recreation with the Christian man, is distinctly religious. He seeks rest and change, not to escape his duties but to get into condition to perform them better. His religion consists not merely in doing religious things but in doing all things religiously. Whether at work or at play, he endeavors to do all things well, that is, in a worthy way and with a worthy object in view.

How shall we employ the opportunities of the coming summer so as to use and not abuse them? No better way can be found than that in which Jesus seems to have spent those periods of retirement when for a time he withdrew from the busy life about him. With him these were seasons of prayer and we may well believe they were also seasons of contemplation and relaxation. Some of his choicest lessons are drawn from noting the growth of the lilies of the field, the habits of the birds of the air. He watched the husbandman at his labors and saw

the seed fall, some on the beaten path, some in stony places, some among the brambles, some on good ground. He noticed how the grain grew—first the blade, then the ear, after that, the full corn in the ear. He surveyed the waving fields of wheat and detected the tares growing among the good grain. He saw many a bird, weary with flight, lodge in the branches of a tree that had sprung from a tiny grain of mustard seed. The whitening crops suggested that spiritual harvest ready for the reapers. All these natural sights spoke to Him of deeper things. If nature can reveal the same secrets to us, our moments of communion with her this summer, whether in the field or on the hills at home or in our trips to a greater distance, will not be a waste of time.

MAIN STREET, HARTFORD, IN 1865.

Contributed by Julius G. Rathbun.

This view of Main street, looking south from Talcott street (see frontispiece) was taken in 1865, just after the close of the Civil war.

The first building on the east side of Main street, of which a portion is seen is the North Baptist church. This society erected in 1831 a new church, a wooden edifice, where Brown and Thomson's store now is, the square steeple being seen in the picture. This new edifice was occupied in 1856, the old church having been sold to the Hebrews, who occupied the ground floor as a synagogue, the audience room of the church, having been named Touro hall, and rented as a public hall. The low building on the south corner of Talcott street, was occupied for many years by David S. Brooks, stove dealer, this is supposed to be one of the oldest, if not the oldest building in Hartford, but is now in such a condition, as to be a disgrace to the city.

Next south, was a new block, occupied on the first floor by Miner, Clark and Gilbert, dry goods. Above was a fashionable boarding house. Many well known merchants, were south of this; S. M. Griswold, shawls; E. Horner, and S. Frankenfiels, fancy goods; W. M. Miller & Co., fancy goods, "Bee Hive," then conducted by Starr Burkett & Co., Birge, dry goods. On the south corner of Temple street, was the dry goods store of H. C. Ransom, below was Barbour & Hale, dry goods; Hutchinson's book store, B. & N. Hudson, household goods and auctioneers; Talcott Brothers, wholesale drugs, north corner of Kinsley street, City Bank, on south corner, Way's hardware store; T. C. Weildon, hair dresser; T. Steele & Co., jewelers, Henry A. Goodwin, druggist; Pettibone, tailor.

West Side.

On the north corner of Main and Church streets, was the dry goods store of W. M. Judd; on this corner stood Christ church, a wooden structure, which in 1829 on the completion of the new edifice on the south corner was sold to the Roman Catholics, who moved it to Talcott street, on the north side about 300 feet east of Main and re-named it Trinity church.

Mr. Charles L. Lincoln informs the writer that he recollects the pulling down of the square steeple into Main street and a scramble to secure the vane which was hollow, and had

some papers secreted inside.

South of Christ church, were many well known firms. N. G. Hinckley, millinery; Amos Larned, boots and shoes; Gershom Fox, fancy goods; Levy & Meyer, fancy goods; W. H. Miller, boots and shoes; Hunt & Jennings, millinery; Corning & Co., auctioneers and dry goods; Gay & Chamberlin, dry goods; Talcott & Post, dry goods. On the south corner of Pratt street, in the following order; Benjamin Bliss, dry goods; Charles Seymour, iron and steel; Joseph Langdon, dry goods; then came "Hatters Row" with the old familiar names of Strong & Woodruff, Ezra S. Hamilton, and Stillman & Co., then Francis & Gridley, hardware; C. S. Weatherby & Co., dry goods occupied the first floors of Hills Block, the last building shown on the right.

The steeple near the centre of the picture is that of the "Melodeon"

the stores are more modern.

I have not alluded to the tenants of the buildings above the first floor, but at that time many prominent families resided thereabouts, especially on the east side of Main street.

WEST INDIANARD, HO!

The Spaniards having abandoned Cuba and Porto Rico politically, many citizens of the United States will be tempted to settle in one or the other of the islands with the intent to better their condition; either by making more money by the same amount of labor heretofore employed, or an equal amount of money with less labor. For money let us substitute the necessities and comforts which money will buy, since hundreds of thousands of families go through the year in these islands with the use of hardly any money at all. A few facts set forth by one who



ROYAL PALMS, CUBA.

building, which prior to 1850, was the the Fourth Congregational church and stood where I. Wise & Co. now are.

It was occupied by many firms in its day, the earliest being Horace Johnson the "weather prophet," who kept a large and assorted stock of almost everything likely to be called for, also was auctioneer. In front projecting from one of the up-stairs windows was a large banner, on which was painted a big cannon, discharging bargains, from which he was afterward known as "Big Gun Johnson."

In this hastily written article (written by request) I have only mentioned occupants of the stores on the first floor, and in all probability have omitted some names.

Almost without exception the firm names have changed in these 35 years although some merchants are in business at the same old stand. With one or two exceptions, the fronts of

has lived and traveled in the West Indies may dispel some of the illusions which the people of our Northern states have always entertained to a greater or less extent. Of course no one believes all the fairy stories that have been written touching these tropical lands. But nearly everybody believes some of them. Alison, the historian, in his chapter on America, 4th Vol. of "History of Europe," states that these islands teem with grape vines to that extent that their purple clusters are sprayed with the surf of the Caribbean sea. The fact is that the grape is hardly known in the Antilles, and while a vine may here and there be grown in the hills, it is never found near the sea coast. The bounty of nature in supplying food products to the inhabitants of these happy isles is quite universally commended, when the real truth is that not one of the groups produces food enough for its population. They all

import flour, potatoes, rice, hominy, condensed milk, salt meats, salt fish, lard, canned fruits, cheese, butter, cabbage and onions. These articles of diet are nearly all that a family needs and none of them are produced in the islands. They are paid for by the sugar, tobacco, orange and banana crops, which are always to be depended upon. But to style such countries, lands of plenty is as absurd as it would be to style Alaska a land of plenty because it yields gold enough to provide its industrious inhabitants with food. When these islands were discovered by Spain they were quite densely populated by a race of undersized natives, who lived mainly on the yuca root, which grows wild, and when pulled up, comminuted by a mortar and pestle, made into a flat cake and dried in the sun, will just keep a man alive provided he does no hard labor. This food, supplemented by plantains, bananas, wild pig, armadillo, lizards and an occasional fish, supported a large and indolent population of harmless human beings, who had no ambition and lived close to nature. But citizens of the United States will hardly entertain the plan of resorting to such primitive modes of living.

In the United States our normal population must labor six months in the year in order to provide food, clothes and shelter during cold and barren winters. In the West Indies it is possible almost to dispense with clothes, except so far as light cottons satisfy the requirements of decency, and sufficient shelter for a family can be built almost between two days by a man who understands the rudiments of carpentering. For a floor you take a rectangular spot of ground, no one digs a cellar, because water gets in and breeds a fever, you set a post at each corner and an intermediate post or two on each side; then you split a palm tree, which has a natural cleavage, and nail the planks to these supports. When you have built up eight or ten feet in this way you set up a ridge pole across the structure and make a roof of palm tree bark. Square holes are cut in the sides for windows, which do not require glass. Wooden shutters on hinges answer all needed purposes. If you wish a better floor than smooth, well-trodden earth, you can make a board platform a foot or two above the ground. Planking must never rest upon the ground; it harbors insects, and insects are one of the chief annoyances of tropical life. A native builds a house at an expense of an ax, a saw, a hammer and a few pounds of nails. A settler can have a house constructed for about twenty-five dollars, Mexican currency. As to furniture, each family can suit itself. I have seen hundreds of such houses, of which the only furniture consisted of hammocks in which to sleep, a table and a few home-made benches, and blocks of lignum-vitæ hollowed into a mortar at the top, in which with a wooden pestle the yuca root was daily prepared to be dried in the sun. Nearly every house has a cast iron brazier, in which coffee is made over a charcoal fire, and a prosperous native signalizes his good fortune by building a brick or stone oven near his door, in which to roast a pig or a chicken. Such is the rural life all over Cuba, San Domingo and Porto Rico. An exceptionally well-to-do native's house-

hold possesses a sewing machine; and guitars and mandolins are not wholly unknown in these lonely lands, where at night the stars burn with an intensity of flashing light which is never witnessed except in the tropics, and the full moon is almost another sun, minus its heat, and where there are the same mystical yearnings after the infinite and the unattainable that inspire the great poets and composers of enlightened communities. In the little pueblo of San Christobal, San Domingo, a young man with long black hair and dreamy eyes placed in my hands a thick quarto of manuscript verses in Spanish, devoted to love and to the declaration of Dominican independence—the 12th of August, 1844. Here was a mute, inglorious Milton, wasted in the hills, of whom the world never has heard and never will hear—a type of many undiscovered geniuses.

The expenses of clothing and shelter being reduced to a minimum, are these reasons why poor men should emigrate to the West Indies from the United States provided they have found the struggle for life at home unendurable? What are the draw-

also buy a cow, a donkey or two, and a two-wheeled cart. By the time his house is built and these supplies are laid in, he will have expended something like four or five hundred dollars. After buying food for perhaps two months, his cleared ground will supply him with the necessities of life, except flour, rice, potatoes, butter, sugar, lard and salt. These he must then and always buy, and they are all dear except sugar. On a small tract no one can profitably raise sugar cane. An acre of tobacco plants, which can be raised to good advantage in the virgin soil which he has taken up, will pay for all these imported foods, year in and year out.

The isolation and loneliness of this mode of life may or may not be hardship. Some families would be killed by them, others would disregard them. Children would enjoy the freedom of the wooded hills, the brooks in which they can wade, winter and summer, the daily lounging in the shade between the hours of 10 and 3, when no one stirs abroad or dares the rays of the sun. Their mothers, debarred from gossip with friendly neighbors, might not like the environment so well.



A TYPICAL PLANTERS HOME, CUBA.

backs? Some of them can be readily mentioned, they are mostly relative. As a positive proposition, a country in which you eliminate two of the three weighty factors of life is on the face of the matter a desirable land for a poor man.

To begin with, such a man, if he is burdened with a family, must have a certain amount of money. He must find a suitable location on the hilly slopes between the sea and the mountains, which occupy the length from east to west of the great islands, and there must buy a tract which should not be less than five acres, with a stream running through it. Such locations are numerous, and can be bought at between twenty and fifty dollars. Then he must clear the ground, or part of it. He can hire this done for about twenty-five dollars an acre. He then needs a pair of cattle and a set of farming tools. For cattle shelter the merest shed answers all purposes in a country where the temperature never falls below 50 degrees. One or two of the small horses of the country are also necessary. In the tropics nobody goes on foot, and vehicles are little used because there are no roads fit for anything but donkey carts. He must

This is something for the intending emigrant to consider. Another drawback would be the calentura or fever, which lays its grip upon every grown person who goes to these islands from another latitude. On a cool hill slope, removed from the seacoast marshes and mangrove swamps, there is no danger from yellow fever, but the calentura is inevitable. This fever, if at once treated with a decoction of orange peel, taken hot, and the lightest possible diet of toast, chicken broth, etc., passes away in a few days, but is sure to return every ensuing summer during several years. Children are often exempt and grow up acclimatized.

Another drawback is—in the case of adult incomers—a continual longing for cold weather which never comes. They tire of the sameness of perpetual summer in the land where the sun at noonday never touches 45 degrees below the zenith, and when, in fact, all seasons are alike, except that in July it rains much more than January, and the hot steam of the glowing earth is more pungent. There are whole months when each day is a prolonged Turkish bath. If you sit in the house you are stifled. If you sit outdoors in the shade you breathe

a scalding vapor. At such times the native rolls cigarettes, or tobacco leaves, and says nothing, while the Northerner gasps in what it is flattery to style misery.

The sameness of diet is also a drawback, more or less positive. Wild plantain, beef stew, beans, rice, and bread with inferior butter all through the year become monotonous. You can always have sliced oranges, of course, and there is plenty of coffee, but the varied procession of fruits and vegetables with which the Northerner is familiar, from strawberries and spinach in April to celery and apples in December, is wholly wanting in the tropics. Outside of oranges and pineapples West India fruits are insipid, and one soon tires of them. Tomatoes grow well; melons and the catalogue of kitchen garden vegetables can be easily raised, provided you continually import the seed from the Northern states. Otherwise they degenerate and fail. Nature appears



COCOANUT PALM, CUBA.

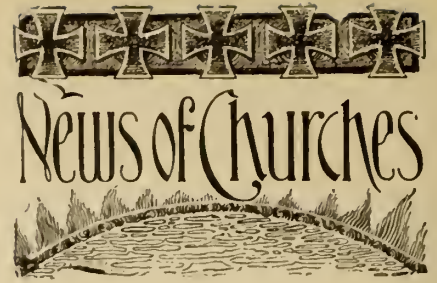
to weary of never-ending summer, and crave the rest and repose of frost, which never arrives. As for scenery—wherever you get an outlook the views are beyond all description beautiful and entrancing. Hardly can you find a spot on these islands from which, if the trees were cleared away, you do not see ranges of mountains, wooded to their purple summits, cleaving the illimitable sky. One may truly say with Emerson:

"'Happy,' I cried, 'whose home is here! Fair fortunes to the mountaineer. Dame Nature round his humble shed Hath royal pleasure grounds outspread.'"

So much for the disadvantages offered to poor men by the West Indies. If the United States citizens should colonize Cuba and Porto Rico numerously they will greatly assist each other in diminishing the drawbacks. They will construct good roads, which now, especially in Cuba, are almost unknown. They will create

town centers in which markets will be established, together with the appliances of modern civilization such as we find in our Western towns and villages, settled only as of yesterday. An American colony is as different from the unprogressive, hide-bound, slow-going, indolent Spanish pueblo as a locomotive is different from an ox-cart; and almost no bounds could be set to the prosperity of active settlers from our Northern states on the hill-sides of the greater West Indies, when once the beneficent machineries of civilization are put in operation.—Champion Bissell in Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly.

To be glad of life, because it gives you the chance to love, and to work, and to play, and to look up at the stars; to be satisfied with your possessions, but not contented with yourself until you have made the best of them; to despise nothing in the world except fashood and meanness, and to fear



FIRST BAPTIST.

The May meeting of the Young Men's League, which was the sixth and last of the present season occurred on the evening of the 11th. As has been the custom in the past seasons it was observed as "ladies' night," and the majority of the members present did not come alone. The attendance was the largest of the course, and the program offered was one of the best. At 7:30 the party sat down to an excellent course dinner, which had been prepared by Habenstein. At its conclusion the annual business meeting was held.

The ladies of our church invited the ladies of the Hartford Association to meet with them on June 12th. Miss Bishel told of her missionary work at Vilarde, New Mexico. The meeting was at 2:30 p. m., and was followed by a social and afternoon tea.

On Thursday evening, May 24th, by a unanimous vote, our church joined the Federation of Churches. Our permanent delegates are the pastor, Messrs. R. P. Chapman and C. G. Munyan. All the leading churches of Hartford have now either joined the Federation or given assurance that they will so join.

On Saturday evening, May 12, a party of our young people went down the river to Middletown by steamer and returned on their wheels. Although the weather was rather cold, quite unseasonably so, every one who went seemed to have a good time. The ride back a-wheel was exceptionally fine as the moon was nearly full. The entertainment committee has arranged a similar trip for Saturday, June 16, when another full moon is scheduled.

We are glad to see that our prayer meetings shown no signs of warm weather. Prayer meetings will be held throughout the summer in the large room. The subject being announced on the previous Sunday, gives each one the opportunity for thought before hand.

ASYLUM HILL CONGREGATIONAL.

Our attention is being constantly called to sufferers by famine in India. On April 29, the Rev. Raymond Maplesden, late missionary at Hyderabad, addressed an evening meeting on the subject. A good deal of interest was aroused, and it continues among the individuals of our church. If any have not received the invitation from "The Christian Herald" to contribute through them, they can still do so by addressing: "India Famine Relief Work, 91 to 106 Bible House, New York City," and enclosing cash. It will be cable free of charge to the famine district. Think of it, ten cents will support a life for five days!

On May 6th Professor Perry of the Seminary gave a very interesting talk on the late Ecumenical Missionary

We prohibit theft, forgery, and murder, but all these crimes are committed. So doubtless it would be if we should in some way prohibit the manufacture and sale of liquor. But this is no argument against such legislation, however, secured. The evils of the liquor traffic are sad enough, and it is so subversive of good order and good morals that it should be forbidden by the united suffrages of all good people.—Our Young Folks.

We are not fully saved until we are happy.

Conference. One's interest in missions is always strengthened by reports of such councils. Professor Perry is soon to leave Hartford to become president of Marietta College.

On May 16th the Mission Band held a supper and sale, which, considering the attractions offered, was not well attended. People hardly appreciate the labor put into such things, or they would repay by their presence, especially where the cause is so good.

Deacon A. T. Richards gave a charming talk on "Ruskin — Lessons From His Life," before the Young People's Society on May 20.

OLIVET BAPTIST.

During the past month the Evangelina Circle gave a cantata entitled the "Choicest Gifts." After the cantata was finished the ladies served refreshments to all those who took part. The cantata was a decided success financially and socially.

Our C. E. gave a strawberry and ice cream festival. We cleared about seven dollars. Our Evangeline Circle sent a barrel of clothing and other useful articles to Virginia.

We hope that our young people will keep their interest during the coming months.

WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

At a business meeting recently, Rev. Mr. Eldsen was re-elected pastor of the church for one year.

The young people of the church held a lawn festival, June 6, which was very pleasant and successful.

Sunday, June 10, will be observed as Children's Day in nearly all the churches.

GLENWOOD CONGREGATIONAL.

At the last meeting of the church it was unanimously voted to call Rev. Mr. McGeehon, of Hartland, Vt., to fill our pulpit. Mr. McGeehon is a very enthusiastic worker and we believe that we have made a good choice in him. He will be with us on July 1st.

On June 3d we had the pleasure of listening to Mr. Roberts, of Windsor. June 10th was "Children's Day" and we had our usual concert. The program was very pleasing.

The ladies are to give a "Lawn Social" on June 19th.

Under the direction of Mrs. Sinely our choir is showing to what good advantage they can use their voices.

Mr. Dana of the Seminary kindly supplied our pulpit on June 10.

It was a real treat to see our friend Mr. Phipps last month. He looked as natural as ever as he sat in his old place in the choir.

One of our members, Mr. Herbert Hastings, who left the city some years ago on account of business, has returned. We are pleased to see him again and hope he has come to stay.

For the benefit of any that would like to know it, we wish to say that we hold services both morning and evening Sundays, during the summer. We do not believe in keeping the doors of God's house closed any more in summer than winter. We are always glad to see strangers.

We expect to be able to make final arrangements for a picnic before long.

It is regrets that we announce that

our organist will be unable to play any more on account of illness.

Our delegates to the "Church Federation" report an excellent meeting and claims that great results will follow on account of this movement to purify our city.

SECOND ADVENT.

A special meeting of the church was held May 31 to consider the matter of joining the Federation of churches. It was thought advisable and the pastor Rev. George M. Teeple, Wm. J. Pierce and M. G. Dunham were appointed delegates.

June 8 the Loyal Workers held their semi-annual business meeting for the election of officers and committees. Special committees were also appointed to revise our by-laws and to solicit funds in the way of regular weekly or monthly pledges.

The society has adopted for the closing exercise of their meetings, Num. 6: 24, 25, 26 verses — "The Lord bless thee, and keep thee.

"The Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace."

Several members of the church decided that our pastor should have a bicycle, and, accordingly, collected money for the same, and a pleasant evening was spent at the home of Howard Crocker on Vine street where the friends gathered and the presentation was made.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

The sacrament of holy baptism is administered every Sunday.

The Girls' Friendly Society meets for service, Sunday, the 17th, at 7:30.

The confirmation class meets every Friday.

The Sunday school picnic will be held on the 16th.

The rector's reception will be held on the 21st; 8 to 10 o'clock.

WETHERSFIELD METHODIST.

The Children's Day exercises will take place Sunday evening, June 17. The program consists of recitations, and music and a short address for the children by the pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Children's Day was observed by special service at 10:45 a. m. Our pastor, who has been absent from the city for three weeks, occupied the pulpit.

His sermon was "The Church and the Children." The music was appropriate for the young people and the scholars, they having received a special invitation to be present.

A special service was held in the church at 4 p. m., which was well attended. The Primary Department rendered an exercise entitled "Little Soldiers of the King;" the Main School, "Forward our Watchword." The decorations were beautiful and added much to the occasion. Mr. Breckenridge presented to the little ones (four years and over) who had been baptized during his pastorate, a booklet entitled "The Children's Welcome"; the gift was much appreciated by both the children and parents. They will be given on each succeeding Children's Day.

The Always Ready Circle of King's Daughters, of the church gave a pleas-

ing entertainment in the parlors, Friday evening, May 25, consisting of tableaux and music. The proceeds go towards the debt of the church.

The preaching service at 7:30 in the evening will be discontinued until the fall.

The Young People's Association meetings are to be continued during the summer months.

A reception was tendered recently to the Rev. J. M. Trout, who has finished his studies at the Theological Seminary and who intends after a year's travel and study, to enter the missionary field in Japan.

FARMINGTON AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

The annual picnic at Lake Com-pounce partook of the nature of a general church affair and was not confined by any means to the children. About 250 went by trolley in the morning, and others went down later by the third rail. All report a delightful time and one of the most successful picnics for many years.

Children's Sunday was appropriately observed by special music, and a sermon especially to the children by Mr. Love.

The quarterly business meeting of the C. E. Society was held June 13.

FOURTH CONGREGATIONAL.

The summer dullness is not with us yet. But picnics are with us.

Plans are being made for a Fourth Church camp at Northfield in August. Mr. W. R. Moody, spoke at prayer meeting June 7th and it is hoped that many will go, if only for a week. It will cost about \$8.00 per week.

The Lydia Circle of King's Daughters, entertained the inmates of Old Ladies' Home, on Wednesday, June 13th.

Sunday-school or Bible-school, has been in the air the past month. More than that, it has been noised abroad, so that hundreds have been invited to join. The work began under Mr. Cox, of Kansas City. This was followed up by a general invitation by many of the members of church, this again by pastors and assistants. Sunday, June 3d, a platform meeting on the same subject was held in church, at which Messrs. Dexter, H. J. Gillete, Mucklow, Pierce, H. B. Cox, Handy, and Kelsey spoke.

Children's Day, June 10th, was a great success. The church was beautifully decorated by the members of the Christian Endeavor Societies and teachers. The children lead by Mr. Benedict sang splendidly. The recitations by Gertrude Nield, Grace Hawley, Amelia Mikkelsen, Edith Seymour, Alice Britt, Bernice King and Harry Cleveland, were much enjoyed by a large congregation.

The first Sunday in July, will be Communion Sunday.

Miss Annie I. House and Miss Foley, are going to attend the C. E. Convention in London.

WEST HARTFORD CONGREGATIONAL.

The Southwest district entertained a large number of church members, Friday evening, June 1, at one of the quarterly socials. A short musical and literary program was well rendered by three of the young church

workers, after which refreshments were served.

Under one of the large windows, was very tastefully decorated in pink and green a table where the young ladies minor auxiliary had home made candies for sale.

The amount realized was sufficient to purchase a suit, shoes and waists which complete an outfit for a missionary's daughter.

The senior auxiliary, have been working for the father and mother. Wednesday both auxiliaries meet to pack the barrels.

Sunday at the morning service the children celebrated their annual Children's Sunday. The church was banked on each side of the pulpit with ferns and daisies.

In front of the pulpit was a large table, covered with bouquets for the children.

Six babies were baptized and six children who were baptized seven years ago received Bibles.

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL.

The pastor and his wife are absent on their vacation, which is being spent in Europe. It is hoped that they will both return greatly refreshed and having had an enjoyable trip. The pulpit has been supplied during Dr. Parker's absence by the Rev. Mr. Stiles of Stonington, the Rev. Mr. George of Willimantic, and the pastors of several churches of this vicinity.

Last Sunday, the Rev. Mr. Marsh of Wethersfield Avenue church preached a very helpful sermon.

The matter of membership in the Federation of Churches was postponed until fall.

The Sunday-school decided not to hold any picnic this summer. Several of the classes will however, hold class picnics. The Sunday-school has been contributing to the India famine fund, and will now assist the Rev. Loyal Wirt in his Alaskan work.

The Young People's Society has just completed its year of missionary-giving, instituted when the Yale Band was in town, and has contributed over ninety dollars to the work of the American Board in Japan.

NEW BRITAIN AVENUE MISSION.

The home department, under the management of Mrs. Henry House, gave a reception at the Mission, May 20, in order that all the members as far as possible could meet. Although it was an uncomfortably warm and stormy evening, a large number were present. A pleasant evening was spent. Light refreshments were served and vocal and instrumental music was rendered.

The Ladies' Aid Society have practically given up their work for the season, although their annual picnic, which is usually the closing event will come a little later.

They are rejoicing over the fact that they will have a new machine to commence the fall work with, having purchased it during the last month.

Our school has not, so far, lost many of its members as is usual when the warm days come.

Mr. Charles R. Fisher of the Seminary has been with us in the Sunday-school, and other meetings for the last week or two, and we hope to have him with us permanently.

June 10, we were favored by having Mr. Gillette, the city missionary, with us again. He is always a welcome speaker at the Mission.

ST. PAUL'S METHODIST.

Our people find the "Parkville Hall," corner of Park and Heath streets, much more roomy and airy, as well as lighter, than the little, old, stuffy church. The attendance upon the services is somewhat larger than in the old church.

The stone foundations for the new church are now built, and Contractor O'Neill is pushing on the work of building.

Mrs. Rachel Hertzler, a member of our church, died on June 1. She leaves besides her husband a daughter, Genevieve, who is a member of this year's graduating class in the High School, to mourn her loss.

The Ladies' Aid Society are planning for an entertainment to be given in the hall on June 21.

Children's Day exercises were held Sunday evening, June 10.

A generous collection, about twenty dollars, has been taken for the India famine sufferers.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL, EAST HARTFORD.

The Sunday evening preaching services have been discontinued for the summer, and the Christian Endeavor meeting will be held at 6:30.

An interesting review of some phases of religious life in New England have been given at the Thursday evening meetings for several weeks by the pastor.

The service on Children's Day was unusually pleasant; six infants were baptized. Special music was provided, and the sermon by the pastor was illustrated by object lessons, which will be long remembered.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER.

Sunday, June 10, we celebrated Children's Sunday. The Sunday-school occupied pews in front of the church at the morning service, the sermon, by the pastor, being appropriate to the day. After the church service there were special exercises in the Sunday-school, with singing and recitations by the children, as special features.

The Young People's Guild, held their regular meeting Sunday evening, June 10, at which the topic was in accord with Children's Sunday.

Next Sunday, June 17, about 25 members of the Young People's Guild, will go to Meriden, in response to an invitation from the Meriden union, to attend a union meeting. The Young People's Christian Union, from New Haven, will also be there.

SOUTH PARK METHODIST.

The semi-annual business meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society was held Friday evening, June 8. The following officers and committees were elected: President, Louis N. Denniston; vice-president, Miss Aurilla R. Witham; recording secretary, Miss Edith Miles; corresponding secretary, H. E. Parkhurst; treasurer, R. E. McCausland; chairmen of committees—Lookout, Miss Elsie M. Elder; prayer-meeting, Miss Lulu Borden; missionary,

Miss Emma McGee; temperance, E. E. Monk; good literature, the Rev. E. S. Ferry; social, Miss Minnie B. Austin; floral, Miss Hattie Morris; calling, Miss Harriet E. Witham. After the business meeting, a "Seven Social" was held. It was a unique entertainment.

On pleasant Friday evenings, the Wheel Club, consisting of the young people of the church enjoy a social ride for an hour or more.

An entertainment will be given by the Ladies' Aid Society of the church, Friday evening, June 15.

Mrs. H. D. Clemons, one of our devoted workers, died May 11. Her funeral was largely attended at the church on Sunday.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST.

The B. Y. P. U. elected the following officers at the semi-annual business meeting, held June 5:

President—Mr. Joel Johnson.

Vice-president—Miss Mabel H. Jameson.

Secretary—Mr. Eugene Bestor.

Treasurer—Miss Fidelia M. McKinney.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss E. A. Moses.

During the past six months the committees have done good service and the members have heartily cooperated with them.

Two of our young people, Miss Amy Tyroll and Mr. Archie Blanchard were married on the sixth of June.

Next Sunday, June 17, will be observed as "Children's Day" by our school. Special exercises by the children will be given in the evening. This service was postponed one week as the memorial service of Troop A was held in our church on the evening of June 10.

Wednesday evening, June 13, a lawn festival was held on the church lawn. Strawberries and cream were sold and a very pleasant time was reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson have been called to Windsor, Vermont, by the serious illness of Mr. Thompson's mother.

SUFFIELD STREET BAPTIST.

The balance of the expense for repairs and improvements at the Chapel amounting to \$75 has just been cancelled through the generosity of Mr. Silas Chapman, Jr. The improvements were first made possible through the efforts of the Dorcas Society and the C. E. Society who raised \$50 and \$75 respectively, to the sum of which Mr. James L. Howard contributed \$100.

The Christian Endeavor society enjoyed a boating party on the river Wednesday evening, June 13.

Mr. Carl Starbuck and Mr. Clyde Smith are going to England in the latter part of June and, as they will take their wheels with them, intend to take a short tour on the Continent.

UNITY CHURCH.

On May 26, the Sunday-school and Sewing Circle held a successful sale in the parlors of the church. The confectionery table was under the charge of Mrs. C. E. Carroll, the table of useful and fancy articles under the charge of Miss Lane and Miss Baker; a third table was devoted to articles made by the members of the Sewing Circle, Miss Mulligan presided over

the grab bag, and Miss Eaton took guesses on the guess cake, which was won by Mr. Horton and Mr. Lincoln. A handsome sofa pillow, given as prize in a guessing contest, was won by Mr. Baker.

The annual picnic of the Sunday-school will be held, June 16, at White Oak Park. A large attendance is expected.

A new feature of the opening exercises of the Sunday-school is the singing of an anthem by the church choir. This is a popular addition to the program, attracting many of the congregation to the exercises.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The annual ordination of priests was held at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Thursday, May 17. Four priests were ordained. Bishop Brewster officiated. The Rector conducted the service, preceding the ordination. The candidates were the Rev. Archibald McDougall, the Rev. E. G. Pitblado, the Rev. William H. Jepson and the Rev. William A. Woodford. The services were solemnly conducted, and the scene was extremely impressive. In the early afternoon, the visiting clergymen were entertained at a luncheon in the Colt Memorial House.

Thursday, May 24, the annual parish meeting was held in the Memorial House. Reports were read from the church treasurer and all the different societies. A social time was spent and refreshments served.

The last of the Children's Services for awhile was held, Sunday, June 10.

A report was read of the Sunday-School Convention lately held at New Haven.

This service will be resumed in September.

The Sunday School will hold its picnic in connection with Christ and Trinity churches, at Hanover Park, Saturday, June 23.

Friday, May 25, a service was held for St. Barnabas Guild of Nurses at the Church of the Good Shepherd. The service was conducted by the Rector and the Rev. Dr. Hart. Afterward refreshments and a social time were enjoyed at the Memorial House.

WARBURTON CHAPEL.

During the past two weeks, the various classes and clubs have been closed for the summer months, so that our Sunday school and the kindergarten are regular appointments at present. The teachers' meeting on May 22, was addressed by the Rev. Cornelius G. Bristol, and at our closing meeting, on May 29, Lucy G. Stock, State primary superintendent, was present, and spoke of "The Teacher's Aim."

Sunday, May 27, was the last for the teachers from the Seminary. Those who have regularly assisted were Mr. and Mrs. E. E. S. Johnson. Jay R. Woodcock, E. G. Crowdis, Miss Emily Reeve.

The closing exercise of the sewing school was attended by the scholars with their parents and friends on Friday, May 25.

A short program had been planned, but that which was most interesting to the mothers was the exhibition of work and garments made by the pupils.

The past season has made our sewing school more popular than ever before under the able management of Miss Lizzie J. Holcomb. Its usefulness was seen by those who examined the work displayed at the closing exercises.

Miss Holcomb will have charge of the sewing classes again next season.

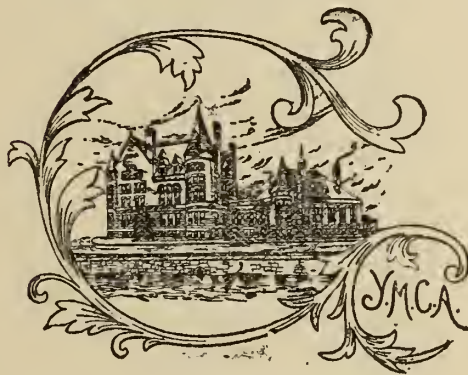
On Friday, June 1, a mothers' meeting for the parents of the kindergarten children was held. The little folks acted as hosts, and entertained in a very accomplished manner.

On Saturdays, the boys who have bicycles have been out with the superintendent for rides about the city and through the parks.

The decorations of wild flowers on Children's Day were secured in Wethersfield by this company of boys. The service on Children's Sunday was enjoyed by the scholars and their friends. Dr. Hawes and Professor Jacobus spoke to the school. Special music was given by the choir and primary department, and a solo by Miss Daisy M. Smith.

Miss Smith has been one of our regular teachers and a primary helper for several years, but has now accepted a position to sing in a church at Bristol.

The sand yard and drinking-fountain are in constant use.



Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary, was held in Jewell Hall, May 17. Mrs. E. S. Ferry conducted the devotional exercises and the business meeting was presided over by Mrs. C. A. Jewell. Encouraging reports were submitted by the chairmen of the various committees. The present membership is two hundred and five and the number of churches represented, twenty-one.

Mrs. A. T. Richards, was appointed chairman of the Auxiliary and Mrs. E. H. Smiley, was elected secretary; Mrs. O. B. Colton, treasurer and Mr. O. B. Colton, auditor. Chairman of various committees: Mrs. S. M. Stiles, devotional, Mrs. C. E. Thompson, membership; Mrs. C. A. Jewell, house; Mrs. J. H. Cone, social work; Mrs. L. S. Jackson, union work; Mrs. A. L. Goodrich, finance; Mrs. S. P. Davis, press and printing; Mrs. H. H. Hollister, supplies for sick.

The annual business meeting of the Association, which occurred on the 23d of May, was the most interesting and satisfactory that has been held. Each one of the 15 reports presented was a model in its way. The members of the Association have reason to be proud of the work of the committees through whom they were represented, and the work accomplished by the Board of

Managers and the executive officers. The reports of the treasurer of the Board of Trustees and the Treasurer of the Association, Mr. A. Hillyer and Mr. C. T. Welles, respectively, showed the finances of the Association to be in excellent condition.

On Sunday evening, May 25, a large and interested audience assembled in the Center church to enjoy the twenty-second anniversary exercises of the Association.

Col. Charles A. Jewell, the president of the Association presided at the meeting. Prof. W. M. Jacobus read the Scriptures, and prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. Hawes. After a few introductory remarks, Col. Jewell, in a few well chosen words introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. Anthony Comstock, of the New York society for the suppression of vice.

The annual meeting of the Wheel Club was held Monday evening, May 28. The following officers were elected: President, M. H. Flynn; vice-president, Howard Seymour; secretary-treasurer, A. D. Johnson; captain, E. S. Lytle; first lieutenant, R. E. McCausland; second lieutenant, Joseph Cooley; color bearer, Ralph DeWitt; bugler, James Cowlshaw.

The Annual Inter-Association wheel meet of the clubs from New Britain, Meriden, Middletown, New Haven and Ansonia was held in Jewell Hall, Tuesday evening, June 12.

A musical program was arranged, followed by speeches full of wit and humor, by the captains of the different clubs. Light refreshments were served.

The Hartford Association will hold an athletic meet on our field the morning of July 4. Middletown will send four or five men, New Britain will send six or eight, and other associations are expected to send many representatives.

Many of the boys have already registered to attend the junior camp on Tuxis Island, July 5. We expect to send a larger delegation than we did last year.

John Wesley once, in a crisis of the night, found himself, as he thought, at the gates of Hell. He knocked and asked who were within. "Are there any Protestants here?" he asked. "Yes," was the answer; "a great many." "Any Roman Catholics?" "Yes, a great many." "Any Church of England men?" "Yes, a great many." "Any Presbyterians?" "Yes, a great many." "Any Wesleyans?" "Yes, a great many."

Disappointed and discouraged, especially at the last reply, he traced his steps upwards, and found himself at the gates of Paradise, and he repeated the same questions. "Any Wesleyans here?" "No." "Any Presbyterians?" "No." "Any Church of England men?" "No." "Any Roman Catholics?" "No." "Whom have you, then, here?" he asked in astonishment. "We know nothing here," was the reply, "of any of the names which you have mentioned. The only name of which we know anything here is 'Christians.' We are all Christians here, and of those we have a great multitude, which no man can number, of all nations, and kindreds, and peoples, and tongues."—Selected.

Only the Christless need be cheerless.

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THE SHUT-INS.

At a season of the year when out
door life is most joyous because of its
contrast with winter's confinement, it
is well to remember the shut-ins, those
for whom there is no season of out-
door life beyond the open window.

What a blessing it is to be out in
God's sunshine, active of limb and
light of heart, filling our lungs with
pure air and satisfying our sight with
all the beauties of nature at a season
when nature is most fresh and radiant
in its beauty.

Do we appreciate the blessing of
health and strength which enables us
to enjoy and profit by the out door
life? Yes, surely in a large measure,
most of us. But for a fuller realiza-
tion of this blessing, deprive yourself
of it for an hour, and spend the time
in the chamber of an invalid. A profit-
able hour it would prove for both
yourself and the one you visited, and it
would help you to realize the great-
ness of the blessing which you enjoy

in the freedom to come and go at your
will.

Render then your helpful sympathy
and companionship to those whose lives
are bound by illness to a narrower
way, whose feet cannot come and go
at the impulse of the mind. Yet how
strong those impulses are, who can
tell? Suppose yourself so circumscribed
even for a short time and you can
somewhat imagine.

What shall we do about it? Send a
tract on the virtue of resignation? No,
it is the personal living, helpful, human
sympathy which is needed to cheer. It
is the cheerfulness and sunshine which
we absorb out of doors, which we
should take with us into the darkened
chamber to lighten the gloom. And,
peradventure, in this darkened room we
may catch a ray of sunshine, missed
outside, which shall illumine our lives
not a little, and so we shall be the
richer, receiving more than we confer.

There are some whose necessities
require material aid, and according to
our means we should cheerfully minis-
ter to their wants, but we should give
of ourselves as well as our means.
There are those to whom a bunch of
flowers would come as a benediction,
who lack not in human love and affec-
tion.

Here is a chance for Christian work
of a true sort. Other callings which
seem grander and nobler may not come
to us, but Christ does call every one of
us to this service. It is a privileged
service, too, for whatever we render of
love or service to those shut-ins, we
render to Christ Himself.

Within the chamber of the sick, we
can imagine, is the chosen tarrying
place for the Great Physician. How
many broken hearts have been healed,
and broken bodies been relieved by His
ministrations. We may come and go
to the sick room at intervals, but He
abides there continually.

"Into the desert, trod
By the long sick, O God!
Into the patient gloom
Of that small room
Where lies the child of pain—
Of all neglected most—be fain
To enter, healing, and remain."

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Each church should support two
pastors, one for the thousands at home,
the other for the millions abroad. —
Jacob Chamberlain, D.D.

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HARTFORD'S PARKS.

The development of Hartford's park
system has been so rapid the past few
years, that probably a comparatively
small proportion of our citizens realize
what a wonderful development it has
been, and what attractions are offered

to those who have the leisure to enjoy
them and the ability to reach them.
To say that a certain number of dollars
are invested in these parks, or that a
given number of acres have been open-
ed up, conveys a very slight impress-
ion compared to what a personal visit
will reveal. Loyal citizens of Hart-
ford will have their civic pride stirred
to its depths, as they realize how far
ahead of most cities Hartford is in this
respect, and how well the future gen-
erations will be provided for as the
limits of the city extend. All honor to
those, who, living or dead, have con-
tributed to promote our park system,
and it is to the credit of the city that
it has so effectually co-operated with
the work of individuals.

But when all has been said, there
still remains a great need but scantily
filled, and that is the need of small
parks and playgrounds in the very
midst of our poorer classes. Play-
grounds, where children can go with
their games, not so far away as to
make their gutters more desirable to
them, because more accessible. Set-
tees and lawns, where tired mothers
can go, without too far a walk from
the front steps of the tenement house
where they live. The children and
mother need most to be provided for,
as the men are more free to go to
greater distances, but even for many
of them, to "lay off" under a tree is
a welcome alleviation from the hard
toil of the day, and no mean rival to
the attractions offered by the saloon.

Riverside Park meets this want in
a measure, but what a blessing it
would be if this park could only be
cut up and scattered all through our
poorer sections.

Those who have carriages, bicycles,
or automobiles at their disposal, have
all and more than could be asked for
in the way of park attractions. And
the great number who take advantage
of the trolley service can find little
fault either. But how many families
there are for whom carriages, bicycles
and trolley cars are almost unknown
luxuries. These need the parks most
of all.

They are self-respecting, and have
little to ask in the way of favors, yet
it seems as if in developing our park
system, that these have somehow been
almost overlooked, and the oversight
becomes more apparent as one realizes
how richly provided for in this re-
spect are our more favored citizens.

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The greatest hindrances in mission
lands, especially among barbarous
and semi-barbarous natives, come
from Christian lands in the shape of
rum, gunpowder, and opium. — R. H.
Gulick.

A LIFE FOR A LIFE.

The Commonwealth of Connecticut is about to take a human life on the theory that it is the only proper punishment for the crime of murder. A life for a life the law demands—a murder for a murder. The one judiciously and deliberately, and the other committed in the heat of uncontrollable passion. Surely this dreadful retaliation on the part of the State, is founded on none of the principles expounded by Christ.

But if hanging is the only safe expedient in such cases, let us give the criminal the benefit of every doubt, and when it comes to the taking of his life, exercise too much rather than too little charity. Such a case is now pending. The State is about to hang a boy whose age was sixteen at the time of his crime. It will give to Connecticut the distinction of hanging the youngest murderer ever known in a Northern State. The guilt may be clearly proven, and have no extenuating circumstances, but the guilty can be punished as effectually without staining the name of the State by the hanging of a boy.

The matter now rests with the Governor.

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Surely, surely, America will unite to blot out the foul outrages of the liquor traffic in the islands of the sea.—John G. Paton, D. D.

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The Court Martial now in progress has heard much conflicting testimony as to whether a certain captain was intoxicated at a certain time: and if so, if while in that condition, he committed certain acts deserving punishment at the hands of the State.

It transpires, however, in the course of the trial, that this man's military superiors, against the law of the State, permitted the sale, and recommended a particular brand, of beer, to be sold in camp. Was drunkenness the cause or the effect of this lawbreaking on the part of the higher officials? Let a new Court-Martial be convened right away to determine.

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The situation in China is perilous for our missionaries there, and somewhat discouraging to our missionary boards. "The blood of martyrs is the seed of the church." Martyr blood has already been shed. May it indeed prove the seed of a great growth in Christianity in the Chinese empire.

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Professor Perry had endeared himself to a great many of our people, who will be sorry to have him go from us. His steady, fervent zeal is well known, and accounts for his success in whatever he has undertaken. The same quality insures his success in the new field to which he goes with the cordial good wishes of all his friends.

The Federation of Churches loses a leading champion in the departure of Professor Perry, its president. But the Federation is organized upon too stable a plan, and there is too much ahead to be accomplished, for any one man to greatly affect its success. We trust a worthy successor may soon be found to Professor Perry.

BUSINESS AND PLEASURE.

At the Hartford Candy Kitchen, 224 Asylum st., can be purchased a fine grade of ice cream, at 30 cents per quart. Ice-cream soda, 5 cents a glass.

Mrs. Henpeck—Dear, dear! I left my watch upstairs on the bureau and I feel too tired to go after it.

Henpeck—Well, if you'll just wait around long enough it'll run down.—Philadelphia Record.

The Hartford Charcoal Company still furnishes dealers and consumers with Brown's Quick Fire Charcoal, which is the best on the market. Ask your dealer for this grade and take no other.

Physician (giving advice) — Lastly, McGorry, don't go to sleep on an empty stomach.

McGorry (who is ailing)—No danger av'thot, docthor; oi always slape on me back.—Exchange.

Summer furniture and furniture for the summer cottage can be found in pleasing variety and great abundance at Seidler & May's, 306 to 318 Pearl st.

Mrs. Van Swamp—"William, dear, as you have another chill coming on, will you kindly hold the baby's rattle in your hand? It amuses the sweet precious so much!"—Harper's Bazar.

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The Wife—John, have you awakened Bridget?

The Husband—No; I can't find my brass knuckles.—Puck.

Mr. George N. Olmsted, 186 Pearl street, is offering one of the best \$25 wheels on the market, for cash or installments. It is the well-known "Andrae," for ladies and gentlemen. Another fine wheel is the Lovell Diamond for ladies, one of the finest and handsomest mounts of the season. Both wheels can be inspected at any time at 186 Pearl street.

Minnie—I shall not accept Walter's first proposal.

Ida—I know it, dear.

How do you know?"

Because you weren't there.—Ex.

One of the most attractive spots for a day's outing either for individuals or for large or small parties is Rainbow Park. It is easily accessible, and few places are better provided with natural attractions, chief among which is the Farmington River, which presents a fine appearance here. There is good boating and fishing in the river, and in the park itself are numerous other attractions. It is an ideal spot

for picnic parties in every respect. For further information address Messrs. Snow and Vernon, Rainbow, Conn.

"And by the way," asked the old schoolmate, "what has become of Mosely, who used to talk so much about devoting his life to uplifting mankind? Did he go into the ministry?"

"No," answered the other schoolmate, "he is in the elevator business."—Indianapolis Journal.

Private parties can hardly spend a more enjoyable evening than by taking a trip on Capt. A. Miner's new steam yacht, "May." The terms are reasonable and as many as thirty can be carried comfortably. Mr. Miner caters to select parties only, and refuses to allow liquor on his boat at any time. All offers for Sunday excursions are declined. Mr. Miner is determined to exclude every objectionable association from his yacht, and he deserves to be liberally patronized.

"Well, little chap," said the stranger in the family, picking up one of the children, "what are you going to be when you're a man?"

"Nuffin'," said the child.

"Nothing? Why so?" asked the stranger.

"Because," said the child. "I'm a little girl."—Tid Bits.

Messrs. Mudge and Sylvester, Dentists, are now very pleasantly and conveniently located in the Hills Building. Give them a call.

"The old-time jolly tar is no more," said the sentimental boarder. "The sailor has given way to the fireman."

"Well, he is a sort of coal tar anyway," said the Cheerful Idiot.—Indianapolis Journal.

"Jigby's wife makes the poor fellow's life a burden complaining because she has to work so hard."

"Why doesn't Jigby turn in and help her?"

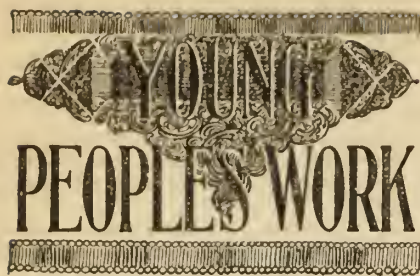
"He does want to, but she won't let him."—Judge.

"Dear me! how savagely that cow looks at me!" said the city girl. "It's your red parasol, I guess, miss," said the farmer. Then she retorted with proper spirit, "Dear me! I knew it was a bit out of fashion, but I didn't think an old country cow would notice it."—Kansas City Star.

An old servant of John Randolph, of Roanoke, from a long course of indulgence, grew to assume such an air of proprietorship that his master, unable longer to endure it, resolved to get rid of him, and summoning him into his presence one morning, said with impressive solemnity, "Ephraim, you and I will have to part."

For a moment the old negro eyed him with dumb astonishment; then, suddenly finding voice, "Lord, Mars John," he exclaimed, "whar is you gwine to?"—Harper's Bazar.

The Canadian Presbyterian Woman's Missionary Society has reached its twenty-third year, has representatives in India and China, and reports 642 auxiliaries, 302 mission bands, a total membership of 21,000, and an income of \$45,513 last year.—Missionary Review.



HARTFORD UNION NOTES.

The time is at hand for the June sectional meetings of the Union. Some sections have already completed their plans for the meeting, while other sections have still to announce them. The subject as announced by the United Society and adopted by the executive committee of the Union is, "Our Country." This is divided into sub-topics as follows: Our Country's Peril; Our Country's Glory, Our Country's Hope, and a Patriotic Service of Song and Prayer.

Arrangements have been made for the Northern Section meeting, which will be held June 20, with the Blue Hills Avenue Society.

The Hartford Union has been very unfortunate this year in regard to Junior work, Mrs. Brown, who was elected Junior Superintendent at our April meeting, to fill vacancy, finding it impossible for her to hold the office, has resigned. This leaves us again without a Junior Superintendent and the June rally will have to be omitted. This is part of the Union which more than any other needs attention, and we trust that before the annual meeting in October, the right one will be found.

The London Convention is to be held the first of next month, and Hartford will at least be represented. This is a trip worth taking, and we trust those who are privileged to go will imbibe as much of the spirit of the English convention as possible, and bring us back some of the good things.

Mr. Mansfield who is ever ready with a trip for Connecticut Endeavorers, is just now completing his engagements for a trip to the farewell meeting in Boston, taking a Williston Church and the White Mountains. This will be a splendid opportunity for one to take a summer's outing.

JUNIOR PROHIBITION LEAGUE.

The League recently gave up with much reluctance the rooms on Asylum street which they have occupied for over four years. The meetings hereafter will be at the homes of members.

The election of officers for the ensuing year will occur at the meeting, Monday, June 25.

Two of the officers of the League, Mr. Ray K. Lindsley, the president, and Miss Flora Ladd, the league reporter, were united in marriage, Wednesday afternoon, June 6.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR PRAYER MEETING TOPICS.
(From the Presbyterian C. E. Manual.)

June 17.—Abiding in Christ.—John 15: 1-10.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

Power comes from the root.

He is "only a stick,"—lifeless, useless, ugly,—who is separated from the Vine.

The abiding are the abounding.
In union there is life.
Apart from Christ, apart from power,
joy, peace, and completeness.
Nearness to Christ and separation
from self are the Christian's goals.
We cannot abide in Christ and in
worldliness at the same time.
In Christ, in content.
The written word in the heart draws
the heart to the Incarnate Word.
Pruning is not punishment.
Purging precedes power.
Better the knife than the fire.
The fruit of the branches is for the
glory of the Vine.
Perfect union insures perfect accord;
therefore the branch cannot ask amiss.
Out and out for Christ, in and in
with Christ.

June 24.—Our Eternal Destiny.—Matt.
13. 47-50.

TOPICS THOUGHTS.

To-day is the route to eternity.
Christ came to give a new beginning
and ending to life.

How we live determines where we
shall live.

The end tests everything.

Time is a school for life's childhood;
eternity a field for its manhood.

God's angels never blunder; every
soul goes to its own place.

The life that is hid in Christ will be
revealed in eternity.

If the thought of our eternity makes
us uncomfortable, then something is
wrong with our present.

In Christ is our destination he will
also be our guide.

Heaven is home only to those who
walk there with Christ.

They alone live gladly whose goal
is God.

If we are in Christ we shall be in
heaven.

God's goodness makes heaven; man's
badness makes hell.

July 1.—When is a nation safe?

—Deut. 26: 1-11.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

True men are a nation's best bul-
wark.

When a people put self-interest be-
fore citizenship, then the nation is in
danger.

Goodness is a better protection for
a nation than guns.

A pure people are powerful.

The indifference of the citizens is the
peril of the state.

Partisanship and patriotism are two
things.

God will be glorified when our poli-
tics are purified.

Open eyes are better protection than
warships.

The true patriot loves his country
second only to his God.

The schoolhouse is America's best
fortress.

It is more desirable for a nation to
be clean than mighty.

No party can count on the vote of
the best patriot.

Love of liberty and loyalty to God
will keep any nation safe.

July 8.—The power of small things.—
Mark 4: 30-32.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

A little light may save a great ship.
Size is no criterion of value.

Earth's smallest deeds may be
heaven's brightest jewels.

There is no life too little to lift.

No load is heavy to a light heart.

Perfection is always a matter of
little things.

The really great despise nothing.

Every mustard seed that is planted
by God must come to greatness.

Magnitude is not necessarily a mark
of merit.

Size most impresses the shallow.

A little smile may brighten a day.

Short words are strongest and brief
words live longest.

Little virtues make beautiful lives.

Many a man has been saved by a
hand-clasp.

All of time is only a multiplication of
minutes.

God does not measure with earth's
yardsticks.

What is too small for man to consider
is often large enough for God to use,
as in the miracle of the loaves and
fishes.

We enjoy Christ most by sharing
Him.

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LATES.

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OPEN HEARTH.

The summer work of the Open
Hearth has commenced, and the at-
tendance at the services, while not so
large as during the winter season, is
still gratifying, and the interest man-
ifested shows the appreciation of those
who attend, and their desire to continue
in well doing. Many who are drawn
in through the singing of well-remem-
bered hymns, while passing the build-
ing, find themselves hoping and pray-
ing for a better way of living, and
the good that is done cannot be esti-
mated.

THE GOSPEL WAGON.

The Gospel Wagon commenced on
Sunday afternoon, June 10, and here-
after each Sunday it is expected that
this branch of the work will continue
until fall. Superintendent B. N. B.
Miller will have charge of the services,
and will be assisted by a number of
ministers from the city as they can
arrange to be present. The singers will
be accompanied by cornet and organ,
and familiar hymns will be sung. Two
or three stations will be visited each
Sunday—Pope's Grove, Zion street near
Park street; City Hall Square, and
other stations as may be found advis-
able as the season progresses. The in-
terest manifested last year was most
gratifying, and it is expected will
increase this year.

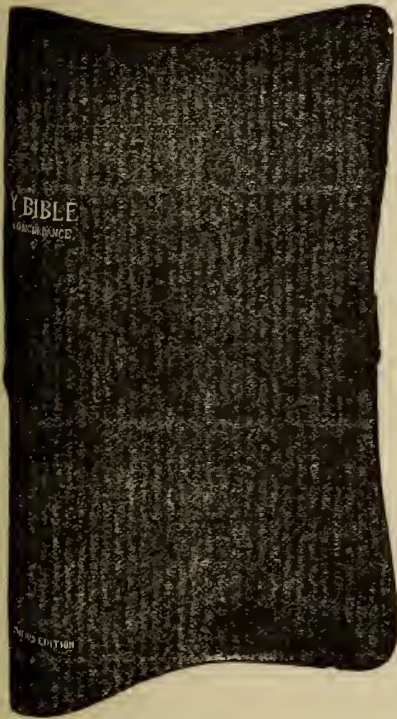
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WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union held its last regular meeting for the season, Wednesday afternoon, June 5. After devotional exercises, we had a report from the Institute recently held at Plantsville. The Institute is a state convention for the discussion of methods, a comparison of work done, and plans for future work. There were many excellent speeches and papers and much enthusiasm. Miss Jessie Ackerman gave a telling address on "British and American Expansion." The Plantsville Union cordially received the delegates, and bountifully entertained them. This is an annual Institute and proves profitable to all who attend.

After the report of the Institute, which was given by our treasurer and the county superintendent of press work we had a report of the County Convention at Plainville. The day was all that could be asked for and Plainville did its duty in the matter of entertainment. The convention was enthusiastic and helpful.

After these reports the Union arose and sang "Blest be the Tie that Binds" and we were dismissed to meet again the first Tuesday in September when we hope to see many ladies who will come in and help us in our winter work.

WOMAN'S WORK NOTES.

On Woman's Day, in the Ecumenical Conference the afternoon and evening meetings were held in Carnegie Hall, which was thronged. The papers were able and the addresses full of power. The presence of the missionaries on the platform was itself an inspiration. At the close of the afternoon program Mrs. A. J. Gordon, of Boston, presented to the vast audience a long procession of missionaries, representing forty-one boards and societies. The enthusiasm was intense. Amid waving of handkerchiefs and applause this vanguard of the Christian host passed. With womanly grace Mrs. Gordon introduced each by name, giving now and then a charming comment on well-known veterans. Mrs. Yule, sixty-three years a missionary; Mrs. Hepburn, the first foreign woman missionary allowed to live in Japan; Mrs. Butler, forty-four years in the mission field; Mrs. J. Hudson Taylor, of the China Inland Mission, and her distinguished daughter-in-law, Mrs. Geraldine Guinness Taylor; Miss Isabella Thoburn, of India; Dr. Clara Swain, the first woman physician sent out to India; Dr. Sarah Pearson Eddy, the only woman doctor allowed to practice in the Turkish Empire—these and many other noble women were received with honor and gladness.—Review of Missions.

The rank accorded to woman's work

and the work of young people for missions in the wonderful missionary Conference which may be styled the crown of the nineteenth century, exalted this ecumenical gathering above its predecessors, in which woman's work ranked as a collateral rather than as an essential factor in the evangelization of the world. Fifty women's boards and societies were represented and four hundred and twelve women missionaries were present, some of whom brought their "first fruits" with them in the person of intelligent Christian native women, converted and educated in missionary schools.

Woman's Day was preceded by sectional meetings, in which "Woman's Part in Educational Work," "Giving," "Work among Young Women and Children," "Medical Work," "Literature," and "Evangelistic Work" were among the themes ably handled. The Nashville committee—Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Chairman—discussed "The Work among Young Women and Children."—From Review of Missions.

"Never was there greater need for Christian influence over young girls than to-day. The world through countless temptations allures, and while the maxim of the W. C. T. U. is 'A white life for two,' for the gratification of men womanly purity is trailed in the dust and girls whom you can save are falling."

The local W. C. T. Union at Pittsford, N. Y., is to erect a drinking fountain in that place.

TEMPERANCE NOTES.

George McGregor, of Redmond, was reported to the police as missing this morning. He was found about noon. McGregor came to the city yesterday to purchase some medicine for his sick child. Instead it is said he went on a spree and the child died in his absence.—Seattle Star.

The only one of our new possessions to which American occupation has meant less rum instead of more is Guam. More's the pity that its brave, sensible governor, Captain Leary, has been removed. Besides promoting temperance, he has abolished slavery, banished the corrupt friars, and set the people to work. What a man for the governorship of the Philippines or the president's cabinet!—Christian Endeavor World.

He had evidently been a very handsome man, originally, but the fine lines of his face had coarsened, the eyes were heavy, the lips loose, the whole stamp of the countenance was a sodden and self-indulgent one. Two old acquaintances stood looking after him as he passed down the street.

"What a wreck!" said one. "And yet when we all graduated together, it seemed as if he might be anything he chose."

"So he might have been," replied the others, "and he chose—to make his body the grave of his soul!"—Forward.

The temperance people of Aurora, Ill., are not afraid to back up their principles with their cash. They have recently raised \$35,000, the amount the city has been receiving from whisky licenses, so that the license question

may be voted on free from financial prejudice. May the voters of Aurora send licenses where the bedeviled swine went, and may such temperance patriots as those of Aurora multiply.—Christian Endeavor World.

In one particular, at least, all our men in the government service might pattern after one of the Japanese consuls to this country. When connected with the Japanese embassy at Washington he was asked to translate some papers about the liquor business with Japan. He declined on the ground that he was willing to do anything for his country's good, but would do nothing to introduce into his country what had never been anything but a curse to other nations.

MISSIONARY NOTES.

A Japanese (not a Christian), in an article on "The Ethical Life and Conceptions of the Japanese," thus refers to the power of Christian example: "The missionaries have lived good, honest lives, and have been careful not to give occasion for scandal. The native Christians, as a rule, have in their lives been consistent with their professions. It was a very great and noteworthy thing that there should be these men and women from the far West to represent to us the ethical and spiritual side of their civilization. By their very presence they remind us of the importance of morality and religion in the life of the nation."—The Review of Missions.

The University of Michigan, better known as Ann Arbor, has its dean of women Dr. Eliza M. Mosher, who has made a reputation for activity in organization and in social doings among the students. The University of Wisconsin, another big state educational center, also has a dean to look after the interests of its girls. Miss Annie Crosby Emery took both degrees, Bachelor of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy, at Bryn Mawr. She is a young woman, but has shown herself wise in her administration of the duties pertaining to her office.—Delineator.

HYMN.

With empty hands we come to Thee,
Bereft of worth we bow the knee
Before Thy gracious throne.
Great is our sin. What can we do?
Heavy our hearts; we come to You,
Our hope in Thee alone.

If it were possible to plead
There were some merit in our need
Some claim upon Thy grace.
If we had worth in some degree,
Then with glad hearts we'd come to see
The welcome in Thy face.

And yet dear Lord where can we go
For there are none to help below.
Men fail us in our need,
They bid us wait, they mock our cry
With careless gaze, they pass us by
And leave us poor indeed.

Then as we come our souls revive
Thy invitation is so wide,
Thy mercy is so free;
Set Thou our feet in a large place,
May we be strengthened by Thy grace,
Let us Thy goodness see.
—Magee Pratt.

HOW WOULD YOU HAVE SAID IT?

There is much in the way a thing is said. "Your cheeks are like roses," said Aunt Flora, when Lois came in from a January walk, glowing from the cold and exercise. Lois smiled, and looked lovingly at Aunt Flora. Aunt Margaret entered the room a minute later, and glancing at Lois as she stood by the fire, said, "My! Your face is as red as a beet!"

The red grew deeper on Lois' face, while unconsciously she turned petulantly away from Aunt Margaret, who prides herself on being "plain-spoken." Aunt Flora's way is best. She can say the right word at the right time, too; even the word of admonition and reproof, but she says it in such a manner that one can think only of the scriptural "apples of gold in pictures of silver."—Ada C. Sweet in the *May Woman's Home Companion*.

MISSIONARY NOTES.

Dr. C. Harford-Battersby told at the Ecumenical Conference how missionary converts at Uganda in the "Stanley country" of Africa had perished in the flames, martyrs at the stake for Christianity.

"What is the state of affairs now in Uganda?" he asked. "There is a large cathedral at the top of the great hill called the 'Hill of Peace,' where five thousand people assemble Sunday by Sunday to hear the word of God from their own people, and their people are going out as preachers to every part and supporting their own workers without any help from another country. In the early part of the nineteenth century West Africa was the scene of the horrible slave trade by the so-called Christian nations of the world. In that land—that part of it of which I have had experience—there are Christian men and missionaries raised from those very slaves, men fit to take their place with any Christian evangelist or missionary, raised from the people."

The story of Christian missions is one of thrilling interest and marvelous results. The sacrifices of the missionaries for their fellow-men constitute one of the most glorious pages of the world's history. The missionary, of whatever Church or ecclesiastical body, who devotes his life to the service of the Master and fellow-man, deserves the gratitude and homage of mankind. . . . May this great meeting rekindle the spirit of missionary ardor and enthusiasm "to go teach all nations!" May the field never lack "a succession of heralds who shall carry on the task—the continuous proclamation of His gospel to the end of time!"—William McKinley.

Very few preachers in Japan have had as large audiences as the late Mrs. Draper, with her Bible cart, accompanied by her grandchildren, to distribute, and an evangelist, that each written word might be emphasized by the spoken and each spoken word by the written. Sometimes the crowd would block the street so that the police were obliged to disperse them. This method of carrying the gospel to the people gave her special joy, a joy which no doubt made part of the wonderful radiance that illuminated her

entrance into the kingdom of the risen Son.—*Missionary Review of the World*.

We do not know what will be the doom of the heathen in the next world who has never heard of Christ. For my own part I am not concerned to know; but I am concerned to know what will become of me if I neglect them, if I say with callous selfishness: "Am I my brother's keeper?" Let us ask ourselves if we are discharging our duty to the heathen world that is calling to us for light and help.—Mr. Owen, of China.

The First Presbyterian church of Canton paid \$3,000 for a new site for a sanctuary and woman's dispensary, and all was contributed by the Chinese. At Tung Tsin a \$1,400 brick chapel was erected without foreign aid. At No Fro another was built, at a cost of \$1,300, and all but \$150 given by the native Christians. At Shi Tui another, costing \$1,000, and besides one of the number gave the site.—*Review of Missions*.



PHYSICAL CULTURE.

Physical culture signifies trained exercise under proper conditions and in due proportion. In the absence of higher reason and conscious volition, animals are thus cultivated by wills and understandings other than their own. Without such external influences, what change is made in them is the result of instinct, unconscious imitation, and reflex action. Children are at first trained like animals; but from an early period the methods employed and the ends sought are explained to them. Thus they become capable of perfecting culture by the exercise of their powers, directed by their own wills, upon their bodies; nor will they long obey rules whose philosophy they do not understand, and of the utility of which they are ignorant. Practical rules, therefore, must rest upon theory, and theory upon nature, and nature is ascertained by observation and experience. In this as in other matters, the lessons of experience are derived from the benefits of others, and the evil consequences of wicked conduct.

Wherein lies the necessity of exercise, and what desirable acquisitions depend upon it? Exercise is necessary to growth and to harmonious development, to strength, and to the facile use of the powers of the body, which implies grace in motion, and to health and longevity.

The relation of exercise to growth is self-evident. One needs only to observe children who from any cause are prevented the free action of their muscles. Here and there an exception may appear, but the rule is almost universal that without exercise children do not attain their full height, breadth, or circumference; and this is true not only of the trunk, but of the arms and legs, and of every toe and finger. The spectacle presented

by children born of very robust parents and confined in small unventilated rooms, is one of the most incongruous. Nature's effort to expand and mold the form counteracted apparently by some mysterious force, until the word "stunted" has come to be applied to such unfortunate children, who abound in most populous cities.

If from any cause habitual action of one set of muscles or of one member of the body is required, while the rest are kept in a state of enforced idleness, these so employed become fully as large as the normal size and even much larger, others being proportionately diminished. Thus in the same person are illustrated the benefits of exercise and evils resulting from the want of it.

As muscles are organs of power, and power depends upon change, and change upon circulation, and as the action and interaction of the muscles upon the bony structure of the body are constant, permanent strength to be exerted at will is impossible in the absence of regular exercise. Latent strength, which always exists in excess of what the will can command, may indeed under great excitement be brought into use where no exercise had been taken for years, but only for a short period; and the unusual effort is followed by painful and sometimes fatal reactions and derangements. Athletes teach us this if, when not in training, they attempt competitive feats with powerful opponents in the regatta, swimming match, pedestrian tournament, baseball, football, cricket, or polo. Men who had been for a long time in constant exercise, have by a single year's neglect lost both skill and strength, and fallen an easy prey to those whom they had counted unworthy to compete with them a little while before.

Adaptive facility is often as important as vigor. A miller of moderate strength can handle with ease and load upon a wagon barrels and bags of flour; while a blacksmith whose right arm is stronger than both of the miller's, might be greatly fatigued with the same work; but not more so than the miller would be should he attempt to take the blacksmith's place.

Facility and grace are so closely related that what is done easily is usually done gracefully. Grace in movement is of importance because of the social relations in which mankind exists. If, like the grizzly bear, the human species lived in the recesses of forests, each rarely meeting any of his own except his mate and cubs, and then only for war, the poetry of motion might give place to strength of grasp and of teeth. But whether it be on the platform or in the parlor, in the street or shop, on the back of a horse or walking along the highway, a graceful manner is a means of pleasure to the man and to those who observe him, and often leads to promotion and to increase of personal power.

Had no physiologist scientifically studied the subject and pointed out these facts, the world would have seen them; for from the earliest times the relation of exercise to health and strength has been emphasized by practical philosophers—Dr. J. M. Buckley in Chautauquan.

Who toils in tears works against circumstances and himself.



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Questions on musical subjects of general interest will be answered in this department.

A STUDY IN COMPENSATION.

Harvey Wickham.

It was one of the earliest upright pianos. A curious, box-like affair with pearl keys and mirror-panels, worth more to a museum than to a conservatory. A tall, wan woman was examining it and listening with wrapt attention to the voluble salesman.

"You can have it for fifty dollars," reiterated the latter, speaking enthusiastically of the instrument and contemptuously of the sum. Fifty dollars! She was undergoing the temptation of her life and conscious of an impending extravagance. Sitting down, the woman led her stiff fingers over the uneven keys and pounded out bits of Clementi and Cramer which she had learned as a girl, and which, though tame when compared with the brilliant trash in the repertoire of the salesman, brought back strange memories and awakened that in her nature which had for years been asleep. She seemed to see her old mother, feeble, genteel and a trifle prim. Also the comfortable parlor and her fussy music teacher, each as they looked in the long ago before marriage and poverty and the death of the emotions had come upon her. Fifty dollars! It did not seem much, just then for an instrument which could thus conjure up the past.

"I'll take it," she faltered, half frightened at the sound of her own voice. The piano was loaded upon a dray before her eyes ere she had time to change her mind. The merchant in charge had noted the tightly-clutched pocketbook and had not done business for fifteen years without learning the ways of the poor.

With the shipping of the purchase the woman's punishment began. First, there was the handing over of the cash. She had not realized how large a sum it was. Then, on the way home, the reproaches which her husband would din into her ears were anticipated and magnified by a lively imagination. True, these were her own savings, but it would have been wiser to have purchased a cook-stove and other things much needed about the house, or to have kept it for the inevitable "rainy day." But, as so often happens, the conclusions of expediency came too late.

The husband's reproaches fell on the wife's head in due time, though not in the ample measure she had feared. It may be that some glimpse into her lonely soul was afforded even to the

man's practical, obtuse intellect. He was not a bad one, as the world averages—only prosaic. No brute, but a trifle callous. Did you know, dear reader, that there were just two kinds of folks in the make-up of society? The one finds nothing real but the things of sense. To them life is something which can be handled, tasted and smelled of. The other kind pass on as in a dream. Matter affects them with a sense of unsubstantiality. They live in a land peopled with ideas. Between these classes there is a gulf fixed, and woe be unto the soul which binds itself to another not of its own breed; or unto that soul which circumstances force into a mould inimical to its bias. The fate of the woman I am describing may have been hard. It was not uncommon.

For several months the piano was in use, giving pleasure even to the husband. He was not oblivious to the social advantage of having a piano in the house. He knew that one way of dividing the world into hemispheres is to put all who own pianos into one, and into the other all who do not. But by degrees disuse became the rule and use the exception. A more rigid economy was imposed by the exhaustion of the little hoard. No one feels safe without something tucked away in a real or metaphorical stocking, and a commonplace existence was telling slowly but surely upon the naturally poetic temperament of the wife. There is none which becomes so dull as the once over-sensitive heart when its sensibilities are crushed. The day came when the piano would have been sold gladly for half the price paid for it. Not that any effort was made to dispose of it, for it had become a domestic fixture, and people do not reckon familiar furniture as an asset. While a thing is new its money-value is prominent in the mind of the owner. When it has been in his sight for a year, he ceases to notice it. It is only when hard-pressed, or when a purchaser volunteers a bid, that he remembers it can be turned into cash.

One day there came two strangers to the little cottage. They had been driving through the country for pleasure and were attracted by the appearance of the well. The day was warm, and the cottage door stood open, allowing a glance into the interior. Disorder ruled everywhere. Barrels and boxes were in the corners. Straw littered the floor. What happened to the little household? Only the commonest of incidents. The practical husband had (unbeknown to his visionary wife who signed papers, woman-fashion, without knowing their import) mortgaged the place for two hundred and fifty dollars. One sum is like another when you can pay neither, and a foreclosure sale being threatened, the family were preparing to move. In the middle of the parlor stood the piano, as yet undisposed of.

"Look here, Harvey," cried the taller of the strangers. "Here's a find. A piano, in this place of all others! And a rarity at that. I wonder if it has any tune left in it."

Suiting the action to the idea, the great artist (for he was nothing less) sat down on the rickety stool and dashed his fingers over the tiny keys as lightly as the spray is dashed from the bow of a ship.

"Now for Haydn and Mozart as those poor fellows used to hear themselves,

This is almost as good as a spinnet. It isn't as much out of tune as one would expect—I suppose it has never been used much."

Mazurkas, rondos and minuets followed in rapid succession, all rendered with that absolute finish one hears but once or twice in a life-time. Meanwhile, the poor woman, whose extravagance had robbed her of the fifty dollars which might have paid the interest of the fateful mortgage, had returned with a pitcher of cold water for the travelers, and stood like one entranced. All the vague, half-understood longings of her heart were being interpreted to her and assuaged by the magic of this art. The tears which sorrow had not forced her to shed now streamed down her cheeks at the beek of sympathy. She knew by instinct that this stranger had felt and experienced all that had ever affected her soul and station, and much more abundantly. She knew that he would understand her nature as no one else had ever understood it. Still she stood there, even after the performance had ceased and the stranger was saying to her husband: "I'll give you two hundred and fifty dollars for that instrument. It is so old that I would like it in my collection."

The practical man was in his element now. Rapidly he reviewed his indebtedness and its accrued interest, discounting meanwhile the other's apparent carelessness in making a bargain.

"Make it three hundred and I'll let it go," he replied with assumed calm.

"All right. The piano is mine. I see you are moving from this place."

"We won't have to now. God bless you, sir!" Once the barter finished, the husband's nature asserted itself and he was thinking of his poor wife.

But she, still lost in the things of the imagination, was living in the earthly paradise of the fanciful. It is lost sympathy we give to such, for there is compensation oftentimes for the lack of worldly gain.

The lawyer asked the witness if the incident previously alluded to wasn't a miracle, and the witness said he didn't know what a miracle was.

"Oh, come!" said the attorney. "Supposing you were looking out of a window the twentieth story of a building, and should fall out and should not be injured. What would you call that?"

"An accident," was the stolid reply.

"Yes, yes; but what else would you call it? Well, suppose that you were doing the same thing the next day; suppose you looked out the twentieth story window and fell out, and again should find yourself not injured, now what would you call that?"

"A coincidence," said the witness.

"Oh, come, now," the lawyer began again. "I want you to understand what a miracle is, and I'm sure you do. Now, just suppose that on the third day you were looking out of the twentieth story window and fell out, and struck your head on the pavement twenty stories below and were not in the least injured. Come, now, what would you call it?"

"Three times?" said the witness, rousing a little from his apathy. "Well, I'd call that a habit."

And the lawyer gave it up.— The Green Bag.

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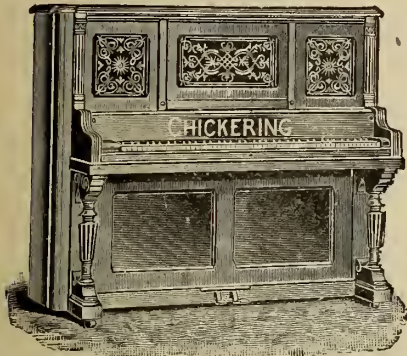
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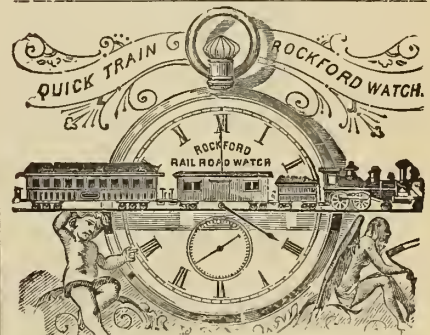
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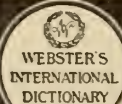
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With the July issue the publishers propose to change the title of the *Self Culture Magazine* to the *Modern Culture Magazine*.

In the department of pure literature, the current *Century* is notable as containing hitherto unpublished poems by James Russell Lowell, and new poems by Edmund Clarence Stedman and Thomas Bailey Aldrich. Governor Roosevelt writes of reform and reformers, putting in a plea for compromise or "agreement," and warning practical reformers that they must not only fight the bad opposed to them, but ignore the Quixotic good.

Scribner's *Magazine* for June opens with an article appropriate to the season of national conventions. It is entitled "How a President Is Elected," and gives a view behind the scenes of the way in which the great machinery of a Presidential election is put in motion.

The preparations for the Passion Play at Oberammergau are described in the *Review of Reviews* for June. A portrait of Anton Lang, the actor who takes the part of "Christus," this year, accompanies the article.

In Cassells *Little Folks* for June an amusing story of a monkey and a tortoise is included. It is called "The Topsy-Turvy Tortoise."

Mr. Hamlin Garland's most recent work is a vigorous story of Western life, entitled "The Eagle's Heart," superbly illustrated by Mr. Harrison Fisher. It will begin in the *Saturday Evening Post* for June 16, and run through the summer numbers of the *magazine*.

By the Marshes of Minas. By Chas. G. D. Roberts. 285 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Silver, Burdett & Co. Price \$1.25.

There is almost no contemporary writer, unless it be Octave Thanet, whose short stories are so uniformly inspiring as Mr. Roberts's. There is often a certain pathos in the writings of both these writers which suggests a comparison, also.

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At Start and Finish. By William Lindsey. 256 pages, 16mo. Boston: Small, Maynard & Co. Price \$1.25.

Messrs. Copeland & Day published the short stories which form the basis of this collection a few years ago under the title, "Cinder Path Tales." The book had much popularity. Indeed it was the forerunner of the college stories which have so frequently been published in the last few years.

Several stories have been added to this volume which were not in the earlier one. Nearly all the stories relate closely to college athletic contests, and there is not a dull line in the volume. The stories are vividly and convincingly written, and range in sentiment from the sublime to the ridiculous, without a single false note in any of them.

The new stories include: "England and New England," "His Name is Mud," and "The Charge of the Heavy Brigade."

Captive Memories. By James Terry White. 100 pages, square 8 vo. New York: James T. White & Co. Price \$1.00.

In every way this volume is a work of art. Taken as a whole, its binding, presswork and illustrations are very striking. "Captive Memories" is a book of verse, and much of it is unusually good verse. The few poems in it—real poems—do not redeem the book perfectly from the blight cast upon it by the number of verses which have a suspicious appearance of being "machine-made," as the expression goes.

As regards the better verse, it may be said that it is full of beautiful thought, delicately expressed. "Abnegation," "Refusal," "Bestowal" and "Entreaty" are little gems of poesy. Of one poem, appended to a loose leaf portrait of Mary Baker Eddy, to whom the book is dedicated, it may be said, that few more beautiful and thoughtful poems have ever been written. Its title is "On the Heights."

Geber. A Tale of Harun the Khalif. by Kate A. Benton. 496 pages, 12mo. New York: Frederick A. Stokes Company. Price \$1.50.

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It is to be regretted that after laborious, careful and conscientious work upon the tale, Mrs. Benton died before

she could realize the successful author's rewards.

American Lands and Letters. Second Series. By Donald G. Mitchell. (Ik Marvel). 412 pages, 8 vo. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. Price \$2.50.

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The Joy of Captain Ribot. By A. Palacio Valdes. Translated from the Spanish by Minna Caroline Smith. 276 pages, 12 mo. New York: Brentano's. Price \$1.50.

The scene of this story is laid in Valencia, Spain, the original story being written in Spanish. Excepting in a few instances the work of translation has been exceedingly well done.

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with the evils of the slums in New York and a piece of writing as readable as a novel. The title of the book seems infelicitous, for most people upon hearing it would believe it a military history. An epigram, even though a good one, is not always in place when used as the title of a book.

Mr. Riis is known as an authority on the subjects similar to those he treats in this, his latest book. Some of the chapter headings are: "The Battle With the Slum," "The Tenement: Curing its Blight," "The Tenant," "The Tenant," "The Genesis of the Gang," "Justice for the Boy," and "Reform by Humane Touch."

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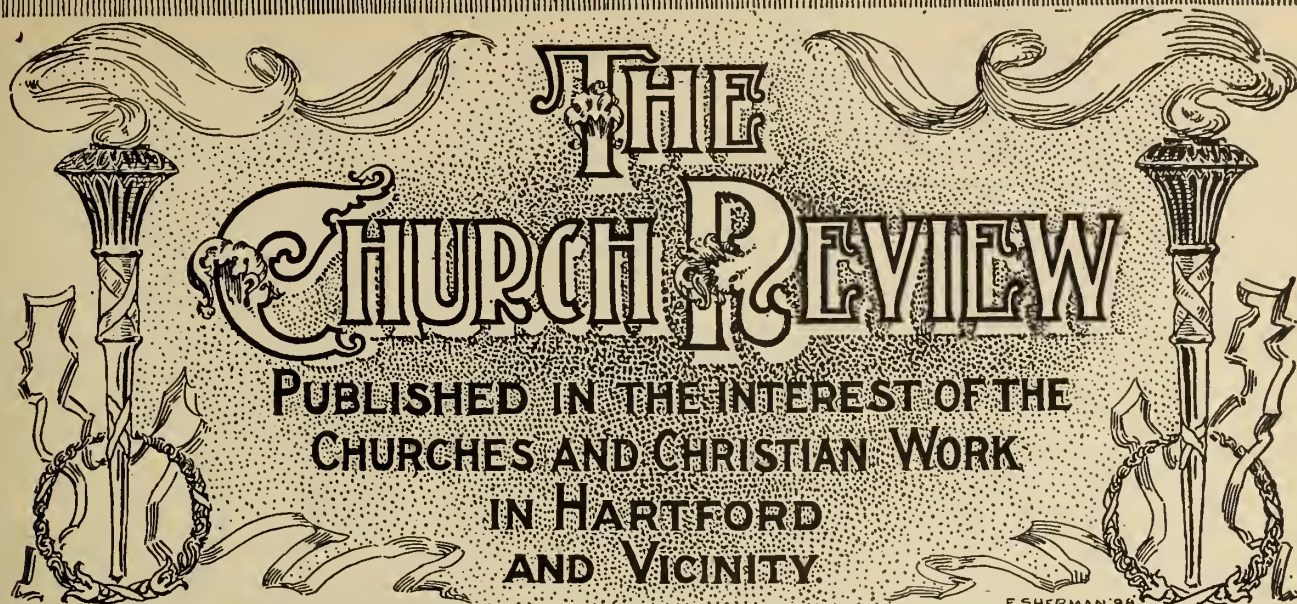
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fulness,
We praise thee, O, our God!

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Our blindness — let Thy hand still
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Till, visited by the dayspring from on
high,
Our prayer, one only, "Let Thy will
be done,"
We breathe to Thee, O, God!

—W. H. Burleigh, in the Christian
Youth.

THE WEAKNESS OF THE AES- THETIC IDEAL.

W. De Loss Love, Ph. D.

The ideal of life which many have
set up for themselves in these modern
times is the development of mind and
sense for the greatest pleasure. Sup-
pose we term it an aesthetic ideal. The
pastor frequently finds it enthroned in
the lives of his young people, and it
seems to be crowding out the divine
ideal of Christ.

These two ideals are not necessarily
in conflict. They are so only when
the former claims too much, and the
same depends upon the cultivation of
intellect and tastes for satisfaction
rather than upon the realization of an
unselfish love and the attainment of a
likeness to Christ. The one is no sub-
stitute for the other. It rests upon
ethical rather than religious truths.

There is no superhuman endowment
entering into it, and it does not neces-
sarily provide a place for the develop-
ment of the higher spiritual nature. As
a realm of peace it will fail.

Much can be said in favor of aes-
thetic culture. The harmonious edu-
cation of the intellect is never to be de-
spised. The requirement of the sensi-
bilities is a means of higher pleasures
and it brings the nature into sympathy
with thoughts which are noble and
pure. No one should go beyond the
Christian in admiration of such a de-
velopment. The youth, indeed, are too
prone to neglect the immense advan-
tages for such culture which surround
us at the present day, and seek their
pleasures in a passing gaiety. Still,
as an ideal for life's attainment this is
incomplete. We are living in an age
of art, and we ought to be grateful to
those who are giving us good pictures
and are stimulating us in an apprecia-
tion of good music. Yet the old saying
is true, "art is not final." Beauty,
which is the great principle of the
aesthetic ideal, can only afford pleas-
ure. We want more. Emerson has
told us that "above the beauty of na-
ture is the presence of a higher, name-
ly of the spiritual element which is es-
sential to its perfection." We may
admire beauty, for it is the garment
with which God has clothed virtue, but
we should not forget the higher real-
ity. The divinest thing can never be
created in man except through the
human will. Character is final; the
possession of it is our highest aim. All
the beauties of earth should minister
to the "beauty of holiness."

The aesthetic ideal professes to have
been created and sustained by means
purely human. It glories in modern
science and philosophy, and well it
may. It is nourished in the studio and
conservatory, and never has it better
care. Still, does it not owe much to a
Christianized society, which has built
such foundations? It has benefited by
the elevating influences of the past.
The virtues of other generations have
helped it on. Society can never lift
itself by its own bootstraps. There
must be a force for good working to
save it. Culture is the product of
Christianity. Would any one claim

that it could live without such a vital
force operating for the uplifting of
men? Even the Greek did not study
"art for its own sake." His religion
deifies the perfection of nature. His
god was the man of Olympus. So this
ideal is not self-sustaining. Apart from
its roots, it would be merely the cut
flower. On the other hand the divine
ideal professes to have been derived
from God. It is superhuman. It is
what it is because God is what He is
in love toward men. The spiritual
union of the soul with Christ sustains
it. Those who cherish it are not seek-
ing merely to develop their own ca-
pacities; they are making a place in
their lives for God who is invited to
control all for their own happiness and
usefulness.

The problem of our human nature is
to find that which will fully satisfy
its highest aspirations. We desire
knowledge; it is well. We wish to be
all we can be, and to rise above the
degradation of passions. We covet the
education which will enable us to en-
joy to the fullest extent all the realms
of beauty. The Christian who has a
broad understanding of life will be in-
spired to these aims. His likeness to
Christ is not merely spiritual. The
"Son of Man" had a kingly being fitted
to reign in every sphere. And yet
when we allow culture to absorb our
attention we are forgetting the soul—the
restless, aching heart which will
never be satisfied except as it abides
in the love of God. So the divine ideal
includes the whole nature of man. It
seeks to develop all that is good in
human nature and the character is
transfigured in a higher light.

One weakness of the aesthetic ideal
is in its limitations. It may flourish
in the conditions of wealth and leisure,
but comparatively few have such an
environment. Some who have do not
find such an aim engaging. What
place has it for human failures? How
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round of cares. We are compelled to
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What we need, therefore, is something
to make our service more unselfish—a
motive to fill us with happiness in the

performance of duties. This aesthetic ideal seems to lack the force to grapple with our situation. It may have a kind of life, but it has none to impart. We do not gather hope in its service — a hope which reaches on into eternity. The marble may present a perfect likeness in features, but it is marble, after all. It cannot smile upon us. The divine ideal in Christ has life: it looks upon us and we are cheered, comforted and helped. The desire of those who worship it is righteousness. They are looking on into future life, hoping there, if not here, to realize the high end of existence. A young soul filled with this hope finds life worth living, however many and great its advantages may be. One will thus strive to be his best because that best is the greater honor to God. Education will have a nobler end than pleasure: it will be coveted for the sake of its usefulness. All the requirements of sense will enable one to gather treasures with which to minister, as Mary did with her spikenard. Art will have its blessings to distribute; music its charms to soothe. The young cannot afford to spend their energies without having in view the development of that "image of God" which has always made the deepest impression upon the world. Culture has for its object to-day as never before the evolution of good in society. It has declared itself as the enemy of those forces which are dragging men downward. In this the moral nature participates. Our youth should choose an ideal which is consecrated to the service of humanity.

THE LAND OF THE HOLY CROSS.

Brazil — what a vast unknown lies behind the word! Comprising one-fifteenth of the land surface of the globe — twenty-one States, the smallest of them larger than Belgium, and the rest varying from the sizes of Denmark, Greece, Portugal, and Great Britain up to those of Germany, Austria, Persia and Thibet — "this land of the Holy Cross." [The name Brazil is derived from the Portuguese *Braza* — a live coal, a name taken from the color of the Brazilian dye woods. The first name given to the country by its discoverers was *Terra da Santa Cruz*, "the land of the Holy Cross."] has within the last ten years been transformed from the noblest empire of the New World into the youngest-born American republic.

Discovered in the spring of A. D. 1500 by the Portuguese Pedro Cabral, it fell into Portuguese and Romish hands, and was for three hundred years cut off from all the world, almost as completely as China and Japan, by Portuguese policy. But just as in North America a century and a half of transatlantic life prepared the descendants of the Puritans for independent existence, three centuries of Portugo-Brazilian history produced a modified race disposed to throw off the yoke of the old regime, and in 1822 a change that had long been pending came to pass: Brazil claimed independence. The actor sprang from a royal source, the son of the King of Portugal becoming the first Emperor of Brazil. Nine years later, the constitution being forced upon him being too liberal, he abdicated in favor of his five-year-old son, Dom Pedro II., who ruled under a regency until 1840,

and terminated half a century's reign in November, 1889, by resigning his sovereignty "under constraint." There was a bloodless revolution, and after more than sixty years' gradual emancipation the nation became self-governing.

With the republic came disestablishment, liberty of religion, and the abolition of slavery. Up to Sunday, May 12, 1883, you hired your servants from an "owner" or bought and sold them as you did furniture; now the two or three million negroes of Brazil are as free as those of the United States.

The natural wealth of the country is almost fabulous. Its river system is the finest in the world. Its mountain chains contain coal, gold, diamonds, silver, tin, zinc mercury and "whole mountains of the very best iron ore." Its Amazon forest covers a tract of level country 1,200 miles wide east to west, 800 miles to south. The "stillness and somber awfulness of these primeval woodlands can scarcely be conceived," and can only be compared to

300 years, and their condition is a fair test of the results of Romanism. Such open license exists that a Brazilian judge recently sued in court a man who had bribed him, and failed to pay the bribe.

Among the leaders of thought and policy a general decay of religious conviction is flinging wide the doors to spiritism, positivism, modern free thought, and sin, while the ignorant are bound by degrading superstition. What would our lives be, what would our rational life be, if for ten years the Bible were blotted out? What must be the condition of this nation that for three hundred years has been without the Word of God? Forbidden to have opinions, he has learned to do without; has become an indifferentist in spiritual things, and has given free reign to his lowest passions. So that this magnificent country, with a coast line 4,000 miles long and a breadth of 2,500 miles, dowered by nature with almost unparalleled wealth of animal and vegetable life and mineral treasure, is peopled by a weak, immoral



RIBEIRAO PRETO, BRAZIL.

Mr. Starley's discoveries. Coffee, tobacco, rubber, sugar, maize, cocoa, rice, beans, cassava and quantities of cattle-sustaining grass from the inland *Planos* and *seltas* are freely grown. The annual exports amount to £16,000,000, fruit and food being equally easily raised.

In 1873 the Brazilian Government had organized on their great natural water highways nearly 1,200 miles of interior steam navigation. Over 6,000 miles of railway have been opened up; and 17,400 miles of telegraph line connect various parts of the republic, while a transatlantic cable links its populous towns and scattered ranches with the Old World. The climate is tropical, varying from the temperate south and salubrious uplands to the malarious river courses and seaboard. All kinds of wild animals breed and range in the interior, in parts even encroaching on the domain of man. "No country has more flowers and none more precious stones. No country exceeds it in natural fertility, yet in few countries is agriculture more neglected;" and few have been as much ruined and retarded by the sin of human weakness as Brazil.

The 16,000,000 people of this newly-made republic have had no Bible for

race, unable to develop its resources or to cope with the difficulties of its government.

Spiritually, Brazil is a nation in the balance. Her people are passing through a period of transition. Slavery, State Churchism, and royalty have gone. The general loosening of ideas that came with the republic produced two effects, helping and hindering Christian work. Disestablishment opened the door to the hearts of the people, and liberty of faith has come. A gradual extinction of monastic and conventual establishments is in process by legal enactment. The present is a crisis of opportunity. "The old is broken up; what the new shall be it is ours under God to determine."—Lucy E. Guinness, in *The Review of Missions*.

THE COFFEE DISTRICT.

The missionary operations of the Ribeirao Preto District are chiefly confined to the finest coffee-growing section of Brazil. As a prelude, therefore, it may be of interest to some of the readers of the *Review* to hear something of coffee culture. The tropical forests are cleared by felling the trees, as nearly as possible all one

way, leaving the thick foliage to dry in the sun. The whole clearing is then fired, thus making way with the undergrowth and smaller rubbish; and as plows are very rarely used in coffee culture, the trunks and larger limbs of the fallen trees are left to rot upon the ground, while the cultivation is carried on with a hoe. The land cleared, small holes are dug in checks at a distance of some twelve feet each way. In each of these something like a dozen coffee berries are deposited, which, when well up, are thinned out to three or four plants, later on to one.

The coffee planter has all the way from 50,000 to 1,000,000 trees. The cultivation is done by hired laborers, called colonists, the planter paying so much for the care of a thousand trees, giving the colonist liberty to plant what he likes between the coffee. These colonists generally live in a group of small houses built for them by the planter. These houses are at times so numerous as to form quite a village. The planter generally lives in a large, well-built house some little distance from the colony.

When five years old the trees yield their first good harvest. They continue productive for many years. The coffee berry, containing two grains when ripe, is in appearance very similar to our common May cherry. The gathering is a very simple process. The colonist takes with him a large sheet, which is spread beneath the bush, after which he detaches the berries by running his hands along the small branches of the tree, letting the coffee fall on the sheet. After finishing the tree the sheet is folded up and the berries emptied into some receptacle, thence transported to a large cemented yard, where they are spread out in the sun to dry. This yard, as well as the coffee-cleaning machine, is generally near the planter's house. After being well dried, the berries are carried to the cleaning machine, where the outer cast or husk is torn away, and the grain of commerce is ready for the market.

These coffee farms offer many facilities to evangelization. The planters are generally liberal-minded men who are ready to lend a helping hand. "Tudo esta as ordens" (everything is at your orders) is not an empty saying among Brazilian farmers. You are at liberty to come and go when you please and to make use of all there is on the farm.—Rev. E. E. Joiner, in the Review of Missions.

THE BOXERS: HISTORY OF THE CHINESE REBELS.

I-Ho-Tuon (Righteousness, Peace and Fist,) is the name of the Chinese society familiarly known as the "Boxers."

The "Boxers" were originally a law and order league of the province of Shangtung, organized for protection against native banditti. It was then Ta-Tao-Hwei (Society of the Great Sword.) After a time this organization became imbued with politics. It became a Chinese Tammany Hall, exacting tribute and guarding its crafty bosses with fighting men. The persecuted peasants turned to the Christian missions for help, and the first rioting was directed against the native Christians in retaliation.

Meanwhile occurred the Chino-Japanese war, and the knowledge that Japan won her victory by the new war meth-

ods of the foreign devil percolated slowly through the Chinese brain. Since then the Christian religion has come in a measure to stand for foreign ideas. The Church is the forerunner of trade, and trade means "spheres of influence," foreign troops, warships and the menace of Europe.

This lesson has been drummed into the Chinese mind by the new party which the Empress Dowager two years ago formed around her after the decapitation of the Confucian reformer, Kang-Yu-Wei, and the imprisonment of the young Emperor. Under such circumstances the Society of the Great Sword waxed strong. There were mission outrages at Chung-King and at Ho-chau. Consulates were destroyed at Shan-si. The mission houses at Chang-Shu and Hai-nan were sacked. There was almost an insurrection at Kwang-si.

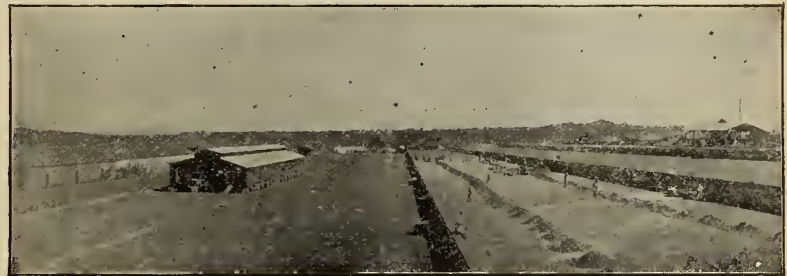
In all these cases reparation was promised by the government, but never given. At last the persecution became so open that the powers demanded action from Peking. There was a sham battle, with a sham report, and a royal edict declared the Ta-Tao-Hwei obliterated.

The hour the Great Swords disappeared sprang up the I-Ho-Tuon, fully equipped, fully organized, fully officered. Under its new name the society has grown in power, in influence and in daring. It revels in the tacit toler-

remarked, are the hardest as well as the bravest of all the people who make up the nation.

Another great Chinese society—more important from its widespread distribution than the Black Flags, and actuated by the same motive—is that known as the Koloa Hui. The authorities made an attempt last year, to squelch this organization, but, of course, they did not succeed, though they contrived to capture one of the leaders, whom they executed with much circumstance of brutality. The membership roll runs well into the millions, and it has its secret meetings in every city of China. Its members must commit murder at the command of the order. They are initiated by the drinking of hot wine mixed with the smoking blood of a cock, killed at the time. The society counts among its members a large number of army officials, and the great Viceroy of Nanking, who died not long ago, was for a time an active member. The recent troubles in the Shangtung province were backed up by the Koloa Hui.

The oldest society in China is the Triad Society, known also as the "Sam Hop Hui." It has its lodges, and there are flags, banners and umbrellas connected with it. It holds regular meetings, and it forces influential individuals to join its organization if they are not amenable to persuasion. It has the power of life and death over



COFFEE PLANTATION—RAISED TERRACE FOR DRYING COFFEE.

ance of the Dowager Empress, and the tsung-li-yamen (foreign office) are her creatures.

The "Boxers" form only one of many institutions with which the Chinese empire is honeycombed. They are all actuated by the motives underlying their motto of "China for the Chinese." The "Boxers" made a great parade of their loyalty to the throne, and pretended that it was only the Fan Kwet (the foreign devils) whom they wished to drive out. But the Empress Dowager knows better, and when she found that the Governor of Shangtung (where they first broke out) was encouraging them, that masterful woman promptly superseded him. Last year's experience with the "Black Flags" was doubtless not forgotten. This society is made up principally of the pirates and other wilder spirits who infest the coast from Amoy down to Hai-nan. They are the men who organized the three great rebellions which broke out simultaneously at Macao, Amoy and Shanghai, just before the Taoping affair, and they, aided by the "Koloa Hui," and the fanaticism of the religious impostor who called himself the "Heavenly King," were mainly responsible for that outbreak. They have fomented trouble on several occasions since then, and they are by a long ways the most inveterate enemies whom the reigning Manchu family has to fear. The Black Flags, it may be

its members, who have their own signs and passwords. You can tell, it is said, whether a man belongs to the order by the way he enters a house. Their motto is, "Drive out the Tartars," and one branch of the society dates back to 1664 A. D., or twenty years after the conquest. They have been working to overthrow the government ever since, and one day they may succeed.—Cleveland World's London Letter.

The Church Missionary Society reports that in Uganda, during the year 1898, nearly 15,000 copies of Bibles and Testaments, or portions of the Scriptures, were sold, and that these, together with some prayer books, hymn books, and reading sheets were paid for in the currency of the country, namely, shells, these shells numbering 6,800,000. How cumbersome this currency is will be learned from the fact that the shells, if put up in packages of seventy pounds each, making a good load for a man, would require 340 men to carry them. Yet this mass of shells amounts, in the currency of the world, to a fraction over \$7,000.—Missionary Herald.

"You speak," said a fond mother, "about people having strength of mind, but when it comes to strength of don't mind, my son William surpasses anybody I ever knew."—Ex-

REV. S. E. MAC GEEHON.

Rev. S. E. Mac Geehon, who was recently called to the Glenwood church of this city, is a native of Minnesota. In 1886 he came East and after three years spent in work and study, he entered Mt. Hermon, graduating in 1892. Being unable financially to enter college he went to Bangor Seminary, from which he was graduated, and settled in Richmond, Maine.

Two years were spent in his first parish, when he was called to Hartland, Vt., where he is at present located.

Mr. Mac Geehon's father died when he was but 3 years of age, and every step in his career has been won by faith that where there is a will there is a way.

Mr. Mac Geehon says that he owes much of his success to the help and encouragement of four friends.

First of all, a loving and godly mother, who is still living; a pastor-

composedly at the great dame.

"Are you the duchess, ma'am?" she said.

"Yes, my child."

And at that word the little one put her two hands together, and reverently closed her eyes. "For what we are about to receive," she said, "O Lord, make us truly thankful."

"Even a pauper duchess couldn't stand that way of saying 'Your Grace,' said the Duchess of Teck would conclude, with a jolly hit at her own well-known financial difficulties, "and the child got the money."

THE CHURCH TRAMP.

"What church do you attend?" was once asked of a bright young fellow, doing business in one of our large cities.

"Oh, I just run around," he answered, gaily. "I don't understand the difference between the churches; in fact, there is a great deal in the Bible itself

skeptical. At last I saw he was in tears.

I turned to him and said, "My friend, what is your difficulty?"

"Well," he said, "Mr. Moody, the fact is, I cannot tell."

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I said, "Do you believe you are a sinner?"

He said, "Yes, I know that."

I said, "Christ is able to save you," and I used one illustration after another, but he did not see it.

At last I thought of the ark, and I said, "Was it Noah's feeling that saved him? Was it Noah's righteousness that saved him, or was it the ark?"

"I see it now," said he; "I see it."

He got up and shook hands with me, and said, "Good-night; I must go. I was determined to be saved before I went. I see it now."

A few days after, he came and touched me on the shoulder and said, "Do you know me?"

I said, "I know your face, but do not remember where I have seen you."

He said, "Do you not remember the illustration of the ark?"

"It has been all right ever since," said he. "I understand it now. Christ is the ark; he saved me."

SMART SUCCESSES.

If there is one tendency of the day which more than any other is unhealthy and undesirable, it is the tendency to deify mere "smartness" unaccompanied by a sense of moral accountability. We shall never make our republic what it should be until as a people we thoroughly understand and put in practice the doctrine that success is abhorrent, if attained by the sacrifice of the fundamental principles of morality. The successful man, whether in business or in politics, who has risen by conscienceless swindling of his neighbors, by deceit and chicanery, by unscrupulous boldness and unscrupulous cunning, stands toward society as a dangerous wild beast. The mean and cringing admiration which such a career commands among those who think crookedly or not at all, makes this kind of success perhaps the most dangerous of all the influences that threaten our national life. Our standard of private and public conduct will never be raised to the proper level until we make the scoundrel who succeeds feel the weight of a hostile public opinion even more strongly than the scoundrel who fails. —Theodore Roosevelt, in *The Century*.

Gustave Dore had an artist's eye for the victim of drink. One evening he was roaming about when an appalling object, one mass of rags on a gaunt frame of bones, rose up before him, croaking, "I am a gentleman; I am a clergyman."

Dore was so much struck that he put the man in a cab and took him to his hotel, where the hall porter, as was only natural, evinced some surprise.

As Dore was fond of joking, he said, coolly, "Give your arm to this gentleman up the stairs, please; he is my uncle."

And when he had got his "uncle" up stairs he drew a ghastly sketch of him preaching from a pulpit to a congregation of other drunkards.—*Temperance Cause*.



REV. S. E. MAC GEEHON.

friend, Rev. F. E. Butler, now of South Weymouth, Mass.; D. L. Moody, who always took a special interest in his boys, and last but not least, Mrs. Mac Geehon, a Housatonic lady, whom he married in 1892.

Mr. Mac Geehon comes with a record of successful work that promises much for his pastorate here.

"YOUR GRACE."

Mary, the late Duchess of Teck, was a charming raconteur, and one of her stories, pointed at nobody dared say whom, was of a duchess who owed everybody, including her seamstress and that seamstress's little daughter.

Polite duns by post and messenger had no effect in bringing about a liquidation of accounts, so that, finally, in despair, the sewing woman concluded to send her sweet little girl with a verbal request for the money which was owing. She polished the little face until it was like a June rose, and took her to the gates of the ducal mansion, all the way impressing on her what she was to say: "And above all, don't forget to say 'Your Grace!'"

The child promised and trotted off. By some decree of fate she got quickly by the servants and was shown into the duchess's sitting-room. She looked

that I don't understand, and until I do, of course I can't join any church."

"How many hours a day do you spend studying this matter?" asked the questioner.

"Hours?" he repeated, in surprise.

"Well, then, minutes?"

The young man was dumb.

"Ah," said his companion, with patient sadness, "not one! If you thought a knowledge of geology necessary to your success in life, or astronomy, or shorthand, you would not think of spending less than one hour a day in its study, perhaps two, perhaps three; and you would not expect to know or understand it without that exertion. But the knowledge of God, of Jesus Christ, of salvation—the highest and deepest of all knowledge—you sit around and wait for, as if it would come like a flash of lightning."—*Our Young Folks*.

CHRIST THE ARK.

When I was in Manchester, said Mr. Moody, I went into the gallery one Sunday night to have a talk with a few inquirers, and, while I was talking, a business man came in and took his seat on the outskirts of the audience. I think at first he had come merely to criticise, and that he was a little



CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

Tuesday, June 19, a rally was held of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, at the parish building. Mr. Owen of New York addressed the boys. A large number of the Episcopal clergy of Hartford and vicinity were present. Addresses were also made by Rev. Mr. Huntington and Rev. Mr. Miel. The rally was a great success.

Sunday, June 24, at the morning service, the quartet were assisted by the Sunday School Vested Choir. The singing was well and heartily rendered. In the afternoon a service was held to which all the Masons in Hartford were invited. The rector was assisted by Dr. Gammack of West Hartford. The singing was rendered by the quartet and Vested Choir. The rector preached the sermon, which was strong and forceful.

A collection was taken for the fresh-air fund.

The church is undergoing repairs at this time. New boilers have also been added to furnish steam heat for the church.

The Vested Choir and friends are to take a ride down the river to Middletown and return on a steam yacht in the near future.

The parish paper is just issued (July 12), coming a little later than usual.

ASYLUM HILL CONGREGATIONAL.

Rev. J. H. Twichell will take no vacation, this summer, but in the autumn will spend a few weeks abroad.

There will be no session of the Sunday-school or meeting of the Young People's Society till the middle of September.

GLENWOOD CONGREGATIONAL.

During the summer months, and while we are waiting for our new pastor, we have been very fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Roberts of Windsor. He is a whole-souled speaker, and impresses all that hear him.

On July 7, the Sunday-school enjoyed its annual picnic, this year going to Laurel Park. The rain coming so late did not interfere with the pleasant time all had had.

July 8, we had the pleasure of listening to Rev. Mr. Nelson of Windsor.

We are to have a boys' choir conducted by Mr. C. F. Schmelz. The first rehearsal to be on July 14.

We would again call attention to the fact that we hold an evening service every Sunday. All are most cordially invited to attend those services. This summer, Mr. Roberts is to deliver a series of sermons entirely original. We know from past experience that they will be helpful.

On July 2, we held our monthly musical. Many enjoyed the service.

In the last issue we stated that the

organist would be unable to play any more on account of illness. This was an error as she is playing every Sunday.

BLUE HILLS AVENUE CHAPEL.

Under the joint leadership of Mr. Marsh and Mr. Barker of the Seminary, the indications are favorable for successful work here during the coming year.

Mr. Barker is now away on his vacation, and Mr. Marsh has instituted several new features that are beginning to tell in added interest and numbers.

Several of the city pastors' names are noted in the schedules just issued and circulated.

Professor Paton was present at the service, three weeks ago, and preached a strong, helpful sermon. The Sunday-school and Endeavor Society are growing. In the former the growth is slow, but pronounced. The meetings are well attended, and new members are coming in each month.

The following officers and chairmen of committees have just been installed: President, H. A. Barker; vice-president, F. M. Dawson; secretary and treasurer, Marion L. Barrett; lookout, Miss Fannie E. Fanning; prayer meeting, Henry H. Pease; social, Bessie M. Gallup; missionary, Ella C. Lester; floral, Arthur E. Colton.

A new and attractive feature is a service of song which follows the Christian Endeavor meeting and is held on the lawn in front of the chapel. It is a pleasant call to the preaching service, and the gospel is sung to many passers-by who might not hear it in any other way.

The selection of an evening in June for a lawn party is a somewhat hazardous undertaking, but the one decided upon for the social at Miss Gallup's proved propitious, and those who were there report a pleasant evening socially, while a repleted treasury gladdens the hearts of the finance committee.

THE CITY MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Morgan Street Sunday-school is the mission of all the Congregational churches in Hartford, and is supported through their gifts to the City Missionary Society, and it is a part of the work of this society.

The past year records a larger average attendance than usual in this Sunday-school, of which Mr. John Robinson is the superintendent.

Special gifts from the South and Asylum Avenue Congregational churches have obtained for the school a new library and a piano; both much needed to make the work successful.

The annual picnic at Rainbow Park, June 18, was attended by about two hundred parents and children. The lunch provided for the Sunday-school was thoroughly appreciated by all and pronounced an unusual treat.

Through the kindness of friends at the Asylum Avenue Congregational church, we are enabled this month to send some of our scholars into the country for one or two weeks. This is a great benefit to some who are not well, and their parents are very grateful for this kindness to their children.

The sewing and cooking classes closed in the spring, and the girls' clubs will close this month. All of these classes and clubs will re-open in October.

ST. PAUL'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL

The hall in which our congregation now worships, corner of Park and Heath streets, is so large and airy, that the heat does not oppress us as it did in the little, low-ceiled, cramped building which we have just vacated, and our people are grateful.

The new church building is rapidly going up, and quite a large force of men are kept employed.

Many of our people enjoyed the excursion to Highland Lake, Winsted, June 30.

The pastor and his family expect to take a vacation during the month of August, but the pastors of the city have arranged so that one or more Methodist ministers will be in town and ready to respond to any calls for service, during the entire summer.

During July and August a union vesper service will be held on Sunday evenings, with the Episcopal League beginning at 7 o'clock.

FIRST BAPTIST.

Mr. Curtis P. Gladding was elected Deacon of our church, Sunday, July 1.

Friday, the sixth, members of the church and Sunday-school and friends went on the annual picnic at Highland Lake, Winsted. Though rather warm an enjoyable time is reported.

Arrangements have been made by which Dr. A. J. Sage of Cincinnati, O., and President W. H. P. Faunce of Brown University will occupy the pulpit during the Pastor's vacation in the fall.

The annual Children's Day service was held in the church on Sunday evening, June 17. A large platform had been erected on which were seated the children's chorus and the Beeman & Hatch orchestra.

The program which was finely rendered told the story of the life of Christ, closing with an excellent address by Rev. George M. Stone, D. D., of the Asylum Avenue Church. It was said by many to be the finest Children's Day Service we ever held and reflects great credit on Mr. C. S. Shumway and Miss Eaton who planned and carried out the details of the program.

FOURTH CONGREGATIONAL.

The past four weeks have witnessed many picnics and lawn parties. The main school went to Lake Snipsle, and the primary department to Laurel Park.

The Endeavor Societies have held lawn parties, through the kindness of Dr. Howe, at his ample and pleasant grounds on High street. The Young People's class held a lawn party on the lawn of Mr. Robbins on Clark street.

The Y. P. S. C. E. has made the half-yearly change of officers, as follows: President, E. L. Pfunder; vice-president, C. E. Hotchkiss; recording secretary, Miss May W. Clarke; corresponding secretary, Miss Frances B. Howe; treasurer, Mr. J. W. Rommel. A new hymn book has been added, and things are looking bright for the next six months' work.

Mr. Kelsey left for New Brunswick, Canada, Monday, July 9, where he will spend four weeks of vacation. In his absence, we expect to have the Rev. R. A. Torrey of Chicago, July 15, and July 22, perhaps. Dr. Scofield of East Northfield, while Sunday, July 22 and August 5 will be divided between Mr.

H. Handy and Mr. W. B. Mucklow. The Thursday night prayer meetings will continue as usual under the lead of various church members.

Miss Eddy, superintendent of the primary department, spent the second week in July at the New Jersey Primary School of Methods, at Asbury Park.

The Young Men's class, though without a teacher, is wide-awake and is looking out sharp for young men as members.

Northfield as a resort for spiritual and physical health is much talked of at present, and it is hoped that a large party will go up there in August.

Chapter No. 6 of the Industrial League with headquarters at the Fourth church, is well worth learning about as a church benefit society. Secretary Mack of East street will be pleased to inform anyone about its workings. Perhaps here is the best panacea against the lodge; have one in your own church.

Woman's Union is asking its members and other ladies of the church to each plan to earn a dollar by various means during the summer to add to their treasury in the fall.

WINDSOR AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

The Sunday evening services are discontinued during July and August. The Sunday school held their annual picnic at Laurel Park June 30.

The new officers of the Christian Endeavor Society for the next six months are as follows: President, Mabe A. Watrous; vice-president, William B. Olber and secretary, Charlotte S. Hull.

Miss Stronach, our ex-president, is now in England and will attend the C. E. Convention in London as our delegate.

Mr. Henry Pease, who expected to attend the convention in London and to sail on the "Saale" will be unable to arrive there in time. He will sail the 18th of July on the New England of the Dominion line.

The C. E. Bible class will not meet during the summer but will resume in the fall when Mr. Mcserve of the Seminary returns.

ST. JAMES CHURCH.

The Girls' Friendly Society has increased to thirty-five members. Miss Jackson of Middletown visited them last week. The interior of the church has been decorated and cheered up, with ivory finish on the ceiling and a terra cotta color on the walls. The picnic was a great success.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST.

During July and August the young people unite their service with the regular Sunday evening service at seven o'clock. On July 15, Mr. Fish will be the leader and the next week the missionary committee will take charge of the meeting. The subject for that evening will be "China."

Last Sunday we enjoyed listening to the Male Quartette both morning and evening.

The boys from the Orphan Asylum are with us again for the summer.

Miss Maud Purinton sailed on Saturday for England, where she will spend the summer with relatives.

Frank Hale is home from Yale where

he graduated with high honors, as salutatorian of the class. He will return to college in the fall for a post-graduate course.

WINDSOR CONGREGATIONAL.

The Y. P. S. C. E. have elected the following officers: President, Miss Nellie Barden; vice-president, Mr. S. I. Cooley; corresponding secretary, Miss Clara Bedortha; recording secretary, Lillian White; treasurer, Mr. Herbert Strickland.

The church and Sunday-school went to Laurel Park, June 29, for an outing. The attendance was 200, a larger number than have attended our excursions for several years, and an enjoyable time was the general verdict.

The graduating class of the High School attended our church the Sunday before their graduation and listened to a baccalaureate sermon preached by our pastor.

Our meeting Sunday evening, July 1, was a patriotic service, using the national service published by the Congregationalist.

WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

Our pastor preached a grand sermon, last Sabbath evening on "Liberty."

The attendance at the preaching services is small, this hot weather, many being away. The Sabbath School is arranging for the annual picnic.

NORTH METHODIST.

The Sunday-school picnic was held last Saturday at Highland Lake, near Winsted. It was a great success, nearly 900 people going.

The collections for the India famine for the Sunday-school amounted to nearly \$30, and for Children's Day about \$35.

Many scholars are away on their vacations, and so are the teachers.

Miss Flora Harvey, a member of the Sunday-school and church was married, last week, to Mr. Michener. After a short trip south they are at home on Capen street. They were given a surprise by members of the Endeavor Society, Friday evening, and all who attended enjoyed a good time.

Mr. Lewis Scranton and family are spending their vacation at Crescent Beach.

The ladies society gave a festival, and were very successful. A large attendance greeted them.

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL.

The pulpit was filled on June 17 by the Rev. Mr. George of Willimantic, who preached a most inspiring sermon from the text, "In Him was life, and the life was the light of men." June 24, the Rev. Mr. Knapp of Southington officiated. July 1, the Rev. Magee Pratt preached and administered communions. July 8, Rev. Edward S. Ferry of the South Park M. E. church had charge of the service.

The closing services of the Young People's Society were led by Samuel Dorman, who spoke on "Abiding in Christ," and Willard E. Brown, whose subject was "Our Eternal Destiny." Both were earnest and thoughtful meetings.

At least five of our congregation are planning to attend the General Conference for Christian Workers at

Northfield. We hope that others will be able to do so. We know that individually and as a church, we cannot fail to be greatly benefited by contact with the Northfield movement.

This is the dull season with us as with most churches, but we are already looking forward to renewed activity in the fall.

WEST HARTFORD CONGREGATIONAL.

On Sunday evening, June 24, Arba Lankton and his workers, conducted a meeting at our church, under the auspices of the West Hartford Temperance League.

During the summer months, the Christian Endeavor Society will conduct the Sunday evening service at 7:30 o'clock.

At the Christian Endeavor meeting July 8, a letter from Rev. Mr. Roberts of China was read. It acknowledged money sent to him and described the uprising of the Boxers and the condition of the country in the middle of May.

At a recent meeting of the Ecclesiastical Society it was voted to build a new parsonage the same to cost \$7,500.

The Men's Union held the last meeting of the season, June 8. It was "ladies' night." "The Welfare of Our Town" was discussed. This Union has been a great help in enlarging the acquaintance and promoting the fellowship of our men.

NEWINGTON CONGREGATIONAL.

A quartette of colored students from Tuskegee University, gave an interesting literary and musical entertainment in the chapel, Monday evening, July 2.

The following officers of the Christian Endeavor society were re-elected for six months. President, Mr. N. P. Camp; vice-president, Miss E. L. Francis; treasurer, Mr. C. S. Francis; recording secretary, Miss E. M. Fish; corresponding secretary, Mr. J. W. Camp.

The Young Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society held its annual meeting with the president, Miss Agnes W. Belden, on Friday evening, July 6. The following officers were elected: President, Miss Agnes W. Belden; secretary, Miss Fanny A. Brown; treasurer, Miss Hattie I. Rowley.

A pleasant social hour followed and light refreshments were served.

Rev. Herbert Macy delivered a very enthusiastic patriotic sermon on July 8. The choir sang appropriate hymns and the church was decorated with flags.

Mr. Norman P. Camp and Mr. Chas. R. Osborn have been appointed to make arrangements for the annual Sunday-school picnic.

The annual meeting of the King's Daughters will be held on Thursday afternoon, with Mrs. John G. Stoddard.

The Cheerful Givers, a children's missionary band, hold meetings the second Saturday afternoon in each month. Miss Mary K. Camp is their leader.

SECOND ADVENT.

We had a visit at our Loyal Workers' meeting, Tuesday evening, June 19, from Elder E. Z. Ellis of Danbury, and June 22, we had a special meeting to

receive the secretary of the General Eastern Society of Loyal Workers, Miss Jennie L. Patt, who came in the interest of the Boston Bible Training School, soliciting funds for the furnishing of rooms for the students. Quite an encouraging sum was raised, considering the light attendance, the evening being very stormy.

The rain has affected the attendance at our prayer-meetings the past month, but the meetings themselves have not seemed affected by the dampness, but have been especially interesting.

SUFFIELD STREET BAPTIST.

Mr. Wyman, in addition to his work with us, has been engaged by the Hartford Baptist Union for the summer, to establish a Sunday School in the southern part of the city.

Carlton Starbuck and Clyde Smith of our society with Linus Snow of the Windsor Society are now well started on their trip to England and France. They sailed from New York last Tuesday. Our best wishes accompany them.

Quite a number of the Chapel people were present at the banquet of the Hartford Baptist Union, at the Hartford Hotel, Friday evening, June 22. On account of this and the stormy weather the attendance at the Christian Endeavor meeting was small.

On Sunday evening, June 23, occurred the annual Children's Day exercises. The children and choir had been rehearsing for some time, with the result that the parts were all well taken and performed in excellent style. The beautiful bank of flowers on the platform attracted considerable attention, and with so many roses, etc., in bloom, the room was turned into one grand flower garden.

The reception for which the Endeavor Society had been planning for some time passed off very pleasantly on Tuesday evening, June 19. All committees had performed their work very creditably, the decorations were superb, the program was excellent, and the refreshments were just enough to prove that every detail had been attended to. We were glad to see those present who are not often seen with us.

WETHERSFIELD AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

The members of the Sunday-school enjoyed a picnic at White Oak Grove, New Britain, last Saturday. A start was made at 9 o'clock, which gave a good long day for an outing. The thunder-storm that came up in the afternoon cut short the pleasure, but one and all were of the opinion that it was a success. Great credit is due to our superintendent, Mr. Brooks, for the thorough way that all the details were carried out.

The last Sunday in June was celebrated as Children's Sunday, and also at the anniversary of the organization of our Sunday school. In the morning, our pastor, Mr. Marsh, gave a sermon for the children, and in the evening the children had charge of a large part of the service, taking part with songs and recitations that gave an excellent program.

Miss Lilla M. Burt left last month for his second tour of Europe.

Miss Bessie Noble has returned from Springfield, where she has been study-

ing type-writing and stenography through the winter.

There are quite a number of our members who are going away this month on vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory have our sympathy for the loss of their son George. He was a member of our Sunday school and was as unusually bright boy.

SOUTH PARK METHODIST.

The annual Sunday School picnic was at Highland Lake, June 30, all four Methodist churches going together.

The first of July we began our Vesper Services at 6:30 p. m. instead of the two evening services.

Our Pastor's family are at their new cottage at Twin Lakes for the summer.

June 20th a party of young people from the church went to Middletown on the boat and rode their wheels home.

June 21st a reception was given to the "Mother's Jewels" in the chapel. This society is composed of children under five years of age.

Our last Christian Endeavor meeting was a union meeting with our Junior Society. We find these union meetings helpful to both societies.

FIRST METHODIST.

On June 30 we united with the three other Methodist churches of the city in a picnic to Highland Lake, Winsted. Over 800 persons attended. The day was a pleasant one, and the holiday was greatly enjoyed.

Our Sunday evening preaching service has been discontinued for the months of July and August. The hour for the Epworth League meeting has been changed from quarter past six to seven o'clock and the meetings are held under the joint leadership of the Pastor and a League member.

The Pastor will be away on his vacation during August. Arrangements are being made for supplies for the pulpit during his absence. Rev. C. H. Pitblado of Windsor Locks will occupy the pulpit Sunday, August 12.

UNITY CHURCH.

The annual Sunday-school picnic was held at White Oak Grove, Saturday, June 16. A special car took the party to the grove, leaving Hartford at 9 a. m., and returned at 4 p. m. A number of members came out on a later car.

The various societies connected with the church have adjourned for the summer, and services have been discontinued until September.

NEW BRITAIN AVENUE MISSION.

June 24 was observed as Children's Day. The mission was very prettily decorated by the young ladies in Miss Clark's class. The recitations and singing by the children were unusually good.

The day was also set apart for the bringing in of the class offerings for the children in India. The amount collected was seven dollars and fifty-nine cents. In the evening the Rev. J. Starr of Newington conducted the services. The young girls of the Mission gave us some very sweet and restful hymns.

June 18th, Mr. Ranney of the Park

church gave a very helpful discourse. The text was taken from the last verse of the last Psalm, "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord."

July 6th the Sunday-school had their annual picnic. They went to White Oak.

July 1st, Mr. C. Fisher of the Seminary began his series of coming meetings that are to last through the two summer months. Miss Lizzie Ludwick very kindly sung for the mission at the first of these meetings, and her clear, sweet singing was very much enjoyed by all.

BLOOMFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

At a recent Endeavor meeting, the collection in behalf of the famine sufferers in India, amounted to \$33. In all, something over \$60 has been contributed to this object by the Endeavorers, the Sunday-school and private individuals.

The Yokefellows' Class now numbers sixteen young men. At a recent business meeting it was voted to build a class-room, to be connected by rolling doors with the Sunday school room. Pledges nearly sufficient to cover cost of same were made on the spot.

Considerable grit and consecration will be needed to keep things up to the mark the next two months.

Following the precedent of former years our Y. P. S. C. E. will take no vacation; our labors rather being increased, by assuming the charge of the regular Thursday evening prayer meeting.

An interesting item in connection with our superintendent's quarterly report of the Sunday-school was that for the quarter ending June 24. The average attendance was larger than for any three months for a number of years. Twenty-five persons had not missed a session.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL, EAST HARTFORD.

A quartet of singers from Tuskegee Institute gave a concert in the chapel, July 5. An instructive outline of the work done there was given, and some excellent recitations varied the program of plantation songs.

The annual picnic of the primary Sunday school was held as usual in the church, last week.

Some injury to the church property resulted from the attempts of hoodlums to burglarize the church and ring the bell on the morning of the Fourth.

Mr. James R. Tucker, principal of the High School has gone to the London convention, as delegate from the Endeavor Society. He and his wife had engaged passage on the ill-fated Maine. They were transferred to the Rhein from Baltimore.

"The Commissioners of the District of Columbia have decided to appoint a committee of 100 citizens to co-operate with the committee in New York in the work of securing contributions for the relief of the famine sufferers in India. This action is the direct result of a visit to Washington of the Rev. Justin E. Abbott, a missionary of the American Board, who has spent eighteen years in missionary work in India."

Patience is the path to progress.

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THE MAN WITHOUT THE HOE.

Now that the breeze created by Edwin Markham's poem, "The Man With the Hoe," has somewhat spent its force, it is perhaps in order to contemplate the problem of "the man WITHOUT the hoe," or rather the man without hoeing—the man "out of a job." Here, too, is a theme, homely enough, yet worthy of the pen of such a master writer as Markham.

The condition of enforced idleness constitutes an open sore in the social body, and to touch it makes society wince, yet if it is ever to be healed, it deserves treatment by one who has thoroughly studied its causes, and who is not afraid to tell the patient of his true condition.

Unremitting and unvaried toil from generation to generation may, in the course of time, stunt all moral and intellectual growth, and bring the "emptiness of ages" into the faces of

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the toilers. Even then they may be far from being "brothers to the ox," because of the possibility, under favorable conditions, of their reclamation as intelligent human beings, and as a rule their physical condition is likely to be favorable to such reclamation.

But, unfortunate, indeed, is "the man without a job." Just at present, because of an unusual degree of national prosperity, he is not so much in evidence as in times of industrial stagnation, yet we ever have him with us in greater or lesser numbers. In too many cases he degenerates into the professional tramp, but as a rule he makes a heroic fight of it, and by the aid of friends but little better off than himself, manages to tide over till the job finally comes.

It is a blot upon our civilization that a man should have to go from shop to shop and store to store literally begging for the opportunity to work, only too willing to accept his sentence, "In the sweat of thy face shall thou eat bread." As Carlyle says, "A man willing to work and unable to find work, is perhaps the saddest sight that fortune's inequality exhibits under the sun."

That every man is entitled to earn a living cannot be denied. In that sense the world truly owes every man a living, and there is something essentially unjust and unchristian in our social system which denies any man the opportunity to work for the daily bread of himself and his family.

This is one of the many problems for the twentieth century to solve. That the day will come when it will be solved cannot be doubted. The day will come when men will be astonished to learn that even at the close of the nineteenth century enforced idleness was the condition of many an able-bodied man,

"Who begs a brother of the earth
To give him leave to toil,"

and begs in vain.

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"If any two or three of you can agree on sending out a missionary to the field, I can promise you that Jesus Christ will be with you."—M. D. Babcock, D. D.

THE BLOOD OF MARTYRS.

These are dark days in China, and many an anxious friend and missionary board is anxiously awaiting tidings of those who are engaged there in the spread of the gospel.

It is already taken for granted that many of them have joined the glorious host of martyrs. How many more are to be sacrificed, God only knows. Will it have a discouraging effect upon the cause of foreign missions? God forbid! We cannot but believe that it is a part of his plan which will eventually result in the conversion of that great nation, for when has it ever failed to be true that the blood of martyrs is the seed of the church. It is a glorious thing to die for one's country, and how we honor our heroes on land and sea. And greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friend. Yet how much greater and grander it is for a man to lay down his life for his God. All honor to those who have risked their lives, or forfeited them, in that far-off heathen nation, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Let the example of those stimulate us who are left behind to renewed vigor. It is no time for discouragement, but for redoubled energy. Let not their blood be shed in vain.

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"Missionary history is mystery until it is read as His Story."—A. T. Pierson, D. D.

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A PURPOSEFUL EXISTENCE.

A familiar face has gone from us in the death of Dr. Henry Barnard. The younger generation hardly realizes the extent to which it is indebted to him for the educational privileges which form the birthright of every American youth.

As early as 1838 he began his life work, and for over forty years devoted his best powers to establishing our free school system as we have it today, the bulwark of our national existence. That he took pleasure in his work from the start is evidenced by his remark at that time, "For one I mean to enjoy the satisfaction of the labor, let who will enter into the harvest." What a labor that was to be he himself could scarcely realize, for

he had to fight ignorance and prejudice on every hand, but fortunately he lived to see the harvest.

Such men as Dr. Barnard are truly great, and bring honor to the nation which can claim them. His work was constructive, and on a grand scale, and in building up our school system as he did, he built to himself a great and enduring monument.

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"If it is true that knowledge is power, it is doubly true that knowledge of God is spiritual power." — Rev. J. Hudson Taylor.

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In the "Century" for May, President Thwing, of Western Reserve University, has presented the results of an inquiry as to the extent to which the Bible has ceased to be a force in our literature and our theology. He submitted to nearly a hundred college students a series of extracts from Tennyson, each containing a biblical allusion. They were twenty-two in number, and were such as anyone familiar with the Bible could readily explain, e. g., "Joshua's moon in Ajalon," "A heart as rough as Esau's hand," "Ruth among the fields of corn," "Pharaoh's darkness," and "Jacob's ladder falls." These quotations were submitted to a class of freshmen, with the result that out of a possible seven hundred and forty-eight correct answers only three hundred and twenty-eight were given. Substantially the same series of questions were five years later given to a freshman class of fifty-one girls of a college for women. All the questions were answered correctly by just one girl. With a possibility of eleven hundred and two correct answers, only five hundred and fifty-two correct answers were given, or less than one-half the possible number. In both these classes nearly all the members were from Christian homes and with residence in States regarded as the most civilized and intelligent of the Union. This test reveals a condition calling for careful inquiry as to causes, and the earnest seeking of a remedy.

Hartford's Committee of One Hundred on India Famine Relief has sent out a circular describing very vividly the terrible condition now prevailing in India. It ought to meet with an immediate and generous response on all sides. From two to five cents a day will save a human life. What a glorious opportunity here for every one. Suppose YOU undertake to save a life in this way, even if it costs a little self-denial.

A peculiar interest attaches to the Northfield Conferences, this year,

owing to the death of Mr. Moody. It is confidently believed that the work will survive the man, and there certainly seems to be no lack of enthusiasm so far.

The Young Women's Christian Association Conference is held from July 13 to July 23. From July 25 to August 1, there will be Special Bible Lectures, and from August 2 to 20, the General Conference of Christian Workers. These events should attract a large number of visitors to Northfield, and the list of speakers engaged insures that none who go will come away disappointed.



Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The following figures give some idea of the Association progress during the past year, and from them one can better realize the greatness of the brotherhood with which we are a part.

The total membership is 255,472 which is an increase of 26,904 during the past year. There are 491 gymnasiums which are being used by 77,485 which shows an increase of nearly 20,000 during the year; 30,070 of the members are serving on the various committees, and 115,547 are members of churches.

The enrollment in the Bible classes, this year, was 439,054 which is an increase of 82,827 over the previous year.

Fifteen Hartford men attended the third of the inter-association wheel club runs, which was held at Meriden, Tuesday evening, June 26. They were well entertained by the home club.

Thursday morning, July 5, fifteen Hartford juniors joined ten from Holyoke, Mass., and another delegation of about twenty from New Haven at Camp Tuxis. They are having a fine time and we fear the ten days will go before they are ready to return. Several are intending to remain for the second division, and a few others will join them from the 16th to 25th of July. An opportunity will be given for the seniors to take a vacation at the camp after the juniors' return. If any wish to take their vacations at the shore, they can obtain further particulars by calling at the office.

Our Association Baseball team has added several victories to its list during the past month. They have only met defeat once this fall.

Some four members will occupy a tent at Camp Northfield during the August conference. They will leave here August 4.

Because the world is hungering, Jesus came as Bread.

BUSINESS AND PLEASURE.

One of the most attractive spots in the vicinity of Hartford is Lake Compounce, situated at the foot of the mountain range south of Bristol. Its natural attractions and beauties are superb, and its artificial attractions are second to none of our local pleasure resorts. Under the management of Messrs. Pierce and Norton, the lake has become a popular resort for Sunday-school and society picnics, and for private parties, and every effort is made by the management to insure a good time to all who come. The lake can be reached from Hartford by third rail, via Bristol, or by trolley, via New Britain.

"Suffering cats," exclaimed the war editor of the yellow journal, "I can't make head or tail of this dispatch from our special correspondent in South Africa."

"Neither could I," said his assistant. "James," called the editor to the office boy, "ask the South African correspondent to step in here a moment."

There are numerous points of excellence about the Domestic Sewing Machine which are undisputed. Chief among them is the new ball-bearing device which makes the machine so easy running as to require the least possible exertion on the part of the operator. The machine can be given a personal trial at the agency, No. 85 Pratt st.

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Bill—How?

"Remember that dog I stole?"

"Yes."

"Well, I tried two hull days to sell 'im, an' no one offered mor'n a bob. So I went and guv him to the ole lady that owned 'im, an' she guv me 'alf a sovering."—Tit-Bits.

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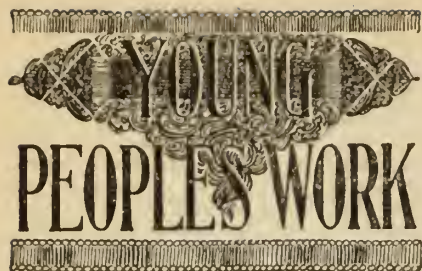
"I'm proud of you," said the head of the firm. "I have letters from all over Kansas saying they have seen our samples. How in the world did you manage it?" and he patted the traveling man on the back.

"Cyclone."—Exchange.

There are flour screens and coal screens, but the kind of screens that keep the flies and mosquitoes out are made by F. S. Amidon, 60 Temple st. Read his advertisement in another column, then call him up by telephone and give your order.

Editors have their troubles like less distinguished folk. One of these gentlemen, who presides over the destinies of a Western newspaper, is mourning the loss of two subscribers. No. 1 wrote asking how to raise his twins safely, while the other wanted to know how he might rid his orchard of grasshoppers. The answers went forward by mail, but by accident he put them into the wrong envelopes, so that the man with the twins received this answer:

"Cover them carefully with straw and set fire to it, and then the little pests, after jumping into the flames for a few minutes, will be speedily settled."



HARTFORD CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR UNION.

June sectional meetings were held in the Southern, Northern and Eastern Sections, and were all well attended and full of interest.

The meeting of the Southern section was held with the Rocky Hill Methodist Society, June 27. The evening was rather threatening but quite a number from Hartford went down, the Wethersfield Avenue Congregational Society being present in large numbers, going down by bicycles. The address of the Rev. Mr. Dixon on "Our Country's Peril" was especially interesting, being a masterly address, referring in brief to several deadly perils that threatened our country.

Rev. E. S. Ferry, Rev. D. D. Marsh and Rev. W. B. Pruner also took part. Mr. A. H. Brooks, the vice-president from that section, presided.

The meeting of the Northern Section was held with the Blue Hills Avenue Society, and for the size of the chapel was well attended. Addresses were delivered by Mr. Willis I. Twitchell and Rev. D. W. Howell.

The Eastern Section met with the Hockanum Society one week later, on the eve of July 4. An interesting feature of this meeting was the music by the Concordia Club of Glastonbury.

The meetings of the Union are now over for the summer, the next meeting being the annual in October, but the treasurer informs us there are a large number of societies that as yet have paid no attention to the calls of the finance committee. We take this opportunity of repeating that the Union must soon make its contribution of \$80 to the State work, and they cannot do this, unless those societies that have not responded do so at once.

The banner, which is now with the Rocky Hill Congregational Society is to be awarded again at the annual meeting. The general result of these banner competitions has been good, let each society keep their ratio as high as possible. The award is on the per cent. of active members present at the consecration meetings during the six months.

JUNIOR PROHIBITION LEAGUE.

On Monday evening, June 25, was held the semi-annual election of officers of the League, which resulted as follows: President, Edwin H. Hick; vice-presidents, Misses Gillespie and Templeton; recording secretary, Edwin F. Monk; financial secretary, Clayton E. Matthews; treasurer, Myrton T. Smith.

Ray K. Lindsley, the ex-president of the League, and his wife, who reside in Bristol, were surprised by a visit from the members, Monday evening, July 2. A pleasant social time was spent, returning by third-rail.

The League meets at intervals of two

weeks, on Monday nights; Monday evening, July 16, meeting with John A. Decker, 205 Smith street.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR PRAYER MEETING TOPICS.

(From the Presbyterian C. E. Manual.)

July 15.—How mission work will gain success.—Acts 1: 6-14.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

Missions must succeed because the might of the Master is in them.

The kingdom extends its borders one soul at a time.

Progress is purchased by prayer.

The might of missions is in the motive for missions.

Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is success.

Unless missions mean everything they cannot mean anything.

All the church is needed to win all the world.

We cannot prevail with our prayers if our purses keep silent.

They who do not know of course will not go.

The spirit of conquest is born of the spirit of confidence.

Emotion may have only tears; devotion always has hands and feet.

An open Bible opens our hearts to the world's needs.

Christ needs the world and the world needs Christ.

July 22.—The needy at our door.—Luke 16: 19-31.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

The shut hand shrivels the soul.

He who withholds help from the needy will need help that will be withheld.

Charity begins at home, but dies if it ends there.

Helpfulness is surest happiness.

God measures our gift by our motive.

All men are friends to the friend of the poor.

True charity gives thought as well as things.

Christ shared himself with the poor.

A little gift with great love is better than a large gift without love.

Soul hunger is hardest to help.

We may find Christ in the home of the poor.

A sense of stewardship saves from selfishness.

We may be liberal with even our little.

God denies nobody the privilege of being helpful.

When we open our door to the needy we may find Christ there.

July 29.—Cumberers of the ground.—Luke 13: 6-9.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

Better unsightly than useless.

Every life without work is a menace to other lives.

Running water never stagnates.

No truly saved soul can be idle.

The world is borne down down by the weight of non-producers.

God's patience should quicken our purposes.

He who works for work's sake shall never want for wages.

Fruit is the proof of faithfulness.

The man who stands still always impedes the world's progress.

Heaven and earth were made only for persons who work.

God cannot use a man who is afraid of work.

A passion for work drives out the meaner passions.

August 5.—The evil of envy.—Luke 15: 25-32.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

Envy puts a thorn in the laurel wreath.

Envy violates love's law, for love "seeketh not its own."

The tap root of envy is selfishness.

Envy is all evil; never a jot of good comes from it.

Envy puts bitter drops into all its own sweet draughts.

Jealousy blinds to beauty.

He who continues to envy soon hates.

Jealousy is often a sin of the just, and the greater sin therefore.

He who envies another empties himself.

Nothing but weeds grows in the soil of envy.

Envy can be cured only by helping its object.

The self-satisfied are the small, and the small are the envious.

There is more hope of a prodigal than of an envious and suspicious man.

Envy enervates.

OPEN HEARTH.

The work of the Open Hearth continues, notwithstanding the warm weather and the attendance at the meetings although not so large as in the cooler seasons of the year is very gratifying. Men are in need of the helping hand so kindly extended by our superintendent, as much in the summer-time as ever, and many a wayfarer, a slave to evil habits, is reclaimed and helped up, ever to bless Superintendent Miller and the Open Hearth.

THE GOSPEL WAGON

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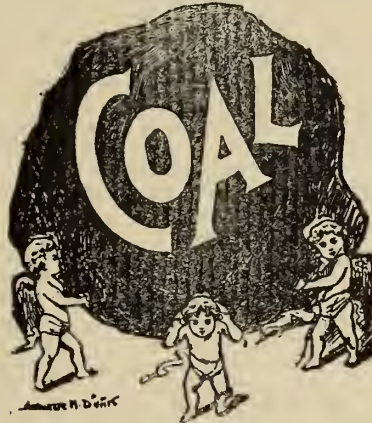
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It is not unusual to see the flag of our country side by side or even entwined with the flag of another nation, but there is only one flag which "we, the people of the United States," permit to float above the stars and stripes in token of our subjection. That flag represents no earthly power or potentate; it is the ensign of the Kingdom of Heaven—the flag of the cross.

It may not be generally known that on Sunday morning on our ships of war, as the hour of worship approaches, the national flag is lowered from its place at the top of the mast and the church pennant—a blue cross on white ground—is raised to the peak, remaining there until the close of the service, when "Old Glory" is again hoisted to the top. Thus is proclaimed in the language of flags the subordination of our nation to the King of kings.

National independence we glory in, and it is right and proper that we celebrate the day which formally made us a nation. But let us not forget that it is national independence upon our "fathers' God" which constitutes the only firm basis for the liberty of which we delight to sing. This thought should be duly emphasized in all Fourth of July demonstrations, and might well furnish the text for political sermons and orations.

More and more as our National Independence Day rolls around does the Christian citizen, the true patriot, realize that the crying need of the country—of the world—to-day is Christ. Men and nations need to recognize the supremacy of the Cross not only for one hour upon one day of the week, but for twenty-four hours upon every day of the seven. For, as has been well pointed out, upon the Sabbath day we, as a Christian nation, are summoned to divine worship in the churches, and upon the other six days we are called to divine service in home and office, shop and factory. In the language of our W. C. T. U. Declaration of Principles, we are to labor as well as pray "that the principles founded upon the gospel of Christ may be worked out into the customs of society and the laws of the land."

As Christian patriots we are expansionists, claiming, like John Wesley, who said "the world is my parish," this whole round world as our country—and if there are other inhabitable globes in this or any other solar system, we claim them, too, as belonging to our King and Father, "of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named." As Christian citizens we are imperialists, believing in and working for the "divine event," the federation of nations under the flag of the Cross—the time prophesied by the Revealer when "the kingdoms

of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign for ever and ever."

WOMAN'S WORK NOTES.

The Woman's National Sabbath Alliance is establishing Young People's branches, and all Endeavorers that are interested in the great work of Sabbath reform will be glad to obtain particulars. Write to Miss Isabelle M. Terrett, 156, Fifth Avenue, New York City.

The worst part of martyrdom is not the last agonizing moment; it is the wearing daily steadfastness. There are many Christians who have the weight of some deep incommunicable grief pressing, cold as ice, upon their hearts. To bear that cheerfully and manfully is to be a martyr. There is many a Christian bereaved and stricken in the best hopes of life. For such a one to say quietly, "Father, not as I will, but as thou wilt," is to be a martyr. — F. W. Robertson.

The great majority of college women, precisely like college men, are looking forward to serious work, and regard their college training as a stepping-stone to that. It is inevitable that they shall pass through a season of perplexity, of wondering whether anything is worth while, and of endeavoring with more or less disappointment to discover just the lot in life which God means them to fill. — Margaret E. Sangster, in the June Ladies' Home Journal.

To college and business women alike, to all who must be wage-earners, the practical verities appeal. Set a high value on yourself, dear toiler, and live up to your own estimate. Have before you an ideal of true womanhood, and pray daily that you may not fall below it. If the precise work you wish for does not offer itself, take something else, even if you do so only temporarily. — Margaret E. Sangster, in the June Ladies' Home Journal.

A girl should be brought up so as to be able to make her own living, whether or not she's going to inherit a fortune. But a woman's place is in the home, though some women do better in business than men. A girl ought to be careful about the man she marries, too, especially if she has money. She oughtn't to marry until she's old enough to know what she's doing, anyway. — Hetty Green, in the June Ladies' Home Journal.

A dear mother lay dying, and her oldest son, as he knelt by her bedside, cried, "You have been a good mother to us." The dying woman opened her eyes, and with a feeble smile whispered, "You never said so before, John," and she was gone. If you have kind words to speak, let us speak them now, while our loved ones are yet with us. If we have loving deeds to do, let them be done to-day. Flowers on coffin lids and epitaphs on tombstones, bring no cheer to the living. And how often they but contrast more strongly with the absence of the gifts and the words while our dear ones lived. — N. Y. E.

No women in the world stand for greater and more loving thoughtfulness for the men of their families than

do the women of America. No sacrifice is too great for an American wife to make for her husband. The business men of this country must slow up, and one step in that direction is a life, after business hours, away from the places of their activities. The American country suburb can be the salvation of the American business man. And, likewise, can it give a more easily adjusted life to our women. For our children it admits of no question. Cities never were made for children. — Edward Bok, in the July Ladies' Home Journal.

"The office working girl thinking of the green golf links, the shining blue lakes, the tennis courts, the brave climbs in the mountains, the salt dip in the sea, which rich girls, whose leisure seems to her boundless, can command at their will, is perhaps disposed to complain at the uneven distribution of life's gifts," writes Margaret E. Sangster, addressing "My Girls," in the June Ladies' Home Journal. "Patience, dear girls, and pray be comforted. Thousands of those young women wearing purple and fine linen, and faring sumptuously every day, survey you with envious eyes, coveting your independence and your ability to stand squarely on your own feet. Too much pleasure is a bore, and too much work is only a weariness. You recover sooner from the latter than the former. And you may walk to and from your work, if you will, and breathe deeply, and take rhythmic exercises before you dress and before you retire, and when your week's work is done you can handle your own honest wages, and rejoice that you belong to the noblest army in creation—the army of those who toil."

"Drunkness is of the devil, it is the satyr of Satan, creeping by stealth into the soul and life of man. Drunkness is no animation and exhilaration which vents itself in speaking and in singing of the wonderful praises of God, but it is a state of being inwardly poisoned and rendered senseless and a slave to evil passion."

PROSPECT AVENUE CHAPTER HOUSE.

The various branches of work at the Chapter House have been suspended for the summer. Sunday-school is expected to open again in September, and the King's Daughters regular meetings the first of October.

During the summer, however, a flower mission is carried on in a small way, which we hope will bring a little of the country's freshness and brightness to the shut-ins of the city.

The Boys' Brigade, which has made much progress during the past winter, gave an exhibition drill the middle of May, which was a most enjoyable affair, and reflected great credit upon the officers. Especially is credit due to the students from the seminary who have managed the brigade, Mr. Manwell and Mr. Ballou.

The drill was followed by a candy sale, given under the auspices of the King's Daughters to raise funds for the uniforms which proved quite successful.

The brigade acted as escort to the West Hartford contingent on Memorial Day, this being their first appearance on the road.



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Questions on musical subjects of general interest will be answered in this department.

MUSIC LESSONS AT HOME OR IN A SCHOOL.

This is a question which cannot well be answered positively in either way. Too much depends upon temperament, individual need, and the state of the purse. The following questions must first be answered:

I. The age at which serious study is begun.

II. Whether one is to study for pleasure or the profession.

III. The length of time which the student can devote to the study of music.

Then again, music schools differ. In the conservatories abroad the pupil has only class instruction; i. e., she takes her lesson in the presence of several other pupils, and often outsiders, who have obtained permission to listen to the lessons, or hospitiren as it is called in Germany. Of course the time devoted to each pupil is short—perhaps twenty minutes—and the ordeal of playing and being corrected before a little audience is trying to nervous girls. On the other hand—for those who are not hopelessly nervous the discipline of playing before the others is excellent, and the benefit derived from listening to their classmates and profiting from the corrections made upon them is great. Sometimes excessive nervousness is permanently cured by this heroic method.

In some of the American music schools each pupil, though in the school, has her lesson privately. The lessons are as a rule about three-quarters of an hour long. Sometimes other pupils of the same teacher sit in the room, but it is not the custom. With this system the student really combines the benefits of being in a music school, with the particular attention which teachers can give them in private lessons.

In schools the pupil is obliged to pursue other studies besides her specialty. She divides her time in working at harmony, history of music, and her instrument, and is expected to attend chorus and sight-reading classes. Of course all these studies are necessary in the education of a musician, and those who study for the profession should work at them in some way, either privately or in a school. Naturally, while dividing one's time between several studies, the progress in any one is not so rapid. In private instruction the individuality of the pupil can be more developed and her peculiar needs more carefully studied.

The majority of music students in America begin serious study rather too

late for the best results. Too often they go to Europe and try to crowd two years' work into one on that account, or are obliged to do so from pecuniary reasons. The greatest criticism made by teachers abroad on their American pupils is, that they try to accomplish everything in a very short space of time. This cannot produce the most thorough musicians, and only too often the result is nervous prostration or nerve trouble of some kind. Then if an instrumental pupil begins late, the work of disciplining the muscles is the harder. Those who begin young with good teaching, have of course a great advantage both in development of the hands and in the wear and tear on the nerves.

To enter a conservatory when the musical education is begun very late and when the time for study is limited would neither be profitable nor satisfactory. Private instruction would be better. The cultivation of the voice cannot be begun at as early an age as the training of the fingers, but I am talking to young women who have reached an age of reason. The subject of how, when, and where children are to study I do not now consider.

If a young woman is to make music merely an accomplishment, the question of going into a school or studying privately is not very important and might be decided by individual inclination. In most cases private lessons would be preferable.

If music is to be her profession the question is important. If she does not wish to enter a school, and can afford the greater expense of private instruction in all the branches that are necessary to a thorough musical education, she could certainly in that way become a good musician. Of course she would not have the peculiar stimulus which pupils feel in a school where others are striving in the same paths. She would not have the discipline of playing ensemble and in the pupils' concerts at regular intervals.

The question of length of time necessary for acquiring a thorough musical education would be decided in each case according to the talent, capacity, and perseverance. There is no royal road to musical learning, and those who try to learn twice as quickly as others, seldom succeed in reality, or if they apparently succeed, they pay for it in some way. Often they neglect all study except music, forgetting that there are other arts, and there are books to read.

To make a general rule I should say: If musical study is begun at a suitable age and the time for gaining a musical education is reasonably long, the experience and discipline gained in a music school, polished and developed afterward by private instruction, would be most desirable and satisfactory.

In summing up I shall take a few cases and suggest the best course for each of them:

I. A girl who begins serious study for the profession at a suitable age, and with expectation of several years for study should enter a first class music school and work there for perhaps three years. The technique should then be developed and a pretty general knowledge of music be gained, and she should be well fitted to profit greatly from studying privately with one or more of the masters of her special art. She should be ready for polishing and

developing her style, and she should then change from a pupil to an artist.

II. A young woman who, having studied considerably, though only privately, wishes to fit herself more thoroughly for teaching, but can devote only a year to it. Private lessons would be decidedly more advisable.

III. A young woman having studied some time privately, wishes to devote three years to serious study for the profession. Here I should advise a year, or better, two years in a conservatory, and then a change of master with private instruction.

IV. A young woman who wishes to have two years of study rather late in life. She is supposed to have had some musical training in the past. I think in such a case private instruction would be more satisfactory.

With vocal students the matter is slightly different. Here the most important question is the teacher. In almost all cases private instruction is preferable. The voice is so delicate an instrument that the most careful handling is necessary. The teacher, if a good one, will study each voice minutely. Only the very best teachers should be trusted with a voice, and such ones should be employed, in a music school or outside.—Irene Hall, in *Chautauquan*.

IN MEXICO.

Household furniture is moved on street cars.

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When friends pass on the street they do not say "Hello" or "How do you do?" but "Good by."

Evening newspapers are dated a day ahead, and the newsboys call "tomorrow morning's paper" at four o'clock the day before.

If you order your eggs boiled three minutes, they will hardly be warmed through, as water boils at so low a temperature eight thousand feet above the sea level.

The small boy does not miss the American Fourth of July. Religious anniversaries and feast days are all celebrated with fireworks and houses are decorated with colored lanterns.

The various nationalities represented are in quite a clannish way interested in different branches of business. The French control the dry goods business all over the republic; the Germans are largely interested in the drug and liquor trade; the Spaniards supply the groceries; Americans run the railroads and represent big United States firms, and Italians are copper-smiths.

— The Review of Missions.

A few years ago the native stationmaster of an out-or-the-way India railway station was suddenly attacked by a tiger, made bold through hunger. The startled assistant immediately rushed to the telegraph office and wired to the European stationmaster at the next place on the line, as follows: "Tiger on the platform eating stationmaster; please wire instructions."—*Short Stories*.

Friendship improves happiness and abates misery by the doubling of our joy and the dividing of our grief.



WHY AMERICAN CHILDREN ARE NERVOUS.

Parents in general are strangely apathetic to the fact that improper diet, late hours, and the general hot-house forcing process of education are wrecking the nervous systems of our children. Nervous prostration is far too common a disease, and its origin nine times out of ten may be traced to carelessness on the part of natural guardians in one if not all of these respects.

In the matter of diet, American children are far too often allowed to sit at the same table with their elders, and, at a late dinner, permitted to use the same food, highly-spiced and over-rich, and to pour into the tender little stomachs tea and coffee; and the result, hysteria and irritability, is a source of wonder to their parents!

A beautiful child of four years was recently reported by her mother as alarmingly ill. "It is strange, but my children, though so healthful in appearance, are almost always complaining of something," said the mother.

"Are you careful of their diet?" was asked.

"Oh, no, they eat and drink anything that is on the table," was the reply; "I never could bear to deny them anything, but I never thought that it made much difference so that they had enough."

The menu in this family one August day for breakfast was as follows: Breakfast, bacon, fried eggs, fried potatoes, soda biscuit (hot and soggy), hot griddle cakes and grocery syrup, strong coffee. At luncheon, the men never coming home, about the same articles were served, only cold and with the addition of pie. Dinner at six consisted of ham and eggs, beets, beans, cabbage (fried), potatoes, pickles, cat-sup, jelly, biscuit (hot,) cake, pie, coffee. This was generously served to the little four-year-old maid, whose mother afterwards wondered, when she was stricken down with bowel and gastric troubles, why her children were so often ill!

The sallow faces of children indicate the cause of the trouble, and it is strange that mothers do not act with ordinary common sense in these matters, and try to regulate things.

In a family where common sense prevails and hygienic diet is the rule, there are two happy, rosy children, one eleven, and the other thirteen years old. They are fast approaching the border land — "just where the brook and river meet" — and the mother, in spite often of the ridicule of outsiders, insists that at eight o'clock the children shall be in bed. Their first meal at seven in the morning finds them rosy and fresh from their baths, and with rare enjoyment attacking the fruit course and bowls of perfectly cooked grains served with cream; no coffee, of course. O mothers, why will you permit your highly strung children to drink coffee? It does them no good, but infinite harm, and ruins beauty of complexion, and disposition also. A bit of rare broiled steak or an

egg finishes off the breakfast of these two lovely little lassies, who are a joy to look at and to live with.

For luncheon they eat bread and milk, sponge cake or wafers, and fruit. Their dinner is of soup, roast meat, and vegetables, and they are excused from dessert. Hard, you say? Well, ask the merry romping pair if they consider their lot a hard one or not.

There is no doubt that American children see life too late and too early. If company arrives in the evening, children sit up and help entertain the guests until their departure, no matter what the hour may be. Growing children should have never less than ten hours of sleep and twelve are better.

The conversation of older people is, alas! especially among careless parents, not always free from the taint of gossip, and into the eager, inquiring minds are thrust half-understood ideas that will in time bear their own vile fruit.

Therefore to have children free from nervousness, and strong, mentally and physically, look well to their diet, hours for sleeping, and see also that their clothing is loose and easy.

This last is especially necessary, as children grow out of their clothing so rapidly. They must never be cinched tightly anywhere. Have their under-clothing fastened by buttons to their waists, and so loose that you can slip your hand under it all the way up. Buy their shoes an inch or two too long, and with heavy soles, taking comfort in the fact that our English sisters have made this fashionable.

Look well to their reading, too, that it be free from too much spice, though that, to use a Kiplingism, is another story. Insist upon many outdoor sports and athletic exercises, and great shall be your reward.—Mrs. L. E. Chittenden, in the Chautauquan.

PERSPIRATION.

Perspiration is almost peculiar to men, monkeys and horses. Horses sweat all over the body, and so do human beings, but monkeys, it is said, sweat only on the hands, feet and face. The use of perspiration is mainly to cool the body by its evaporation, although it is generally believed that waste materials are also excreted through the sweat glands when the action of the kidneys is interfered with. In animals that perspire but little the cooling of the body is effected by evaporation from the lungs, as we see in the case of a panting dog.

The amount of perspiration varies greatly, according to the temperature of the surrounding air, the condition of health, the degree of exercise taken, the amount of fluids imbibed, etc. The average amount of perspiration is thought to be about two pints a day, but this is of course, much increased in hot weather.

In damp weather evaporation from the skin is lessened, and so one seems to perspire more profusely than in dry weather; but this is only apparent, for really transpiration is lessened when the atmosphere is charged with moisture.

Hyperhidrosis is the medical term used to denote an abnormal increase in perspiration. This increase may be general from the entire body, or confined to some particular part, as the face, the hands or the feet. Profuse

sweating is very common in case of debility and in excessively stout persons. It occurs also in connection with various diseases, such as consumption (night sweats,) pneumonia, inflammatory rheumatism and certain nervous disorders. Sudden emotion may cause increased perspiration.

The opposite condition, a great diminution or absence of sweating (anhidrosis,) is much rarer, and occurs usually in connection with some disease of the skin. Sometimes the character of the secretion is changed, and cases of black, blue, gray, yellow or red sweating have been described.

The treatment of profuse perspiration depends upon the cause. Tonics, cold or cold bathing, especially salt bathing, temperate exercise, and rubbing of the skin are useful in cases dependent upon general debility or obesity. Spraying or sponging the body with brandy and water, vinegar and water, or a solution of tannin or of boric acid is useful.

Certain drugs which have a tendency to diminish perspiration are sometimes employed to reduce the night sweats of consumption, when these are so excessive as to weaken the already debilitated patient and to prevent much needed sleep.

REWARDS FOR GOODNESS, NOT SMARTNESS.

In the "Autobiographical Recollections" of George T. Angel, the great friend of the dumb animals, is given a conversation he once had at Florence with Hiram Powers, the great American sculptor. The old man, with an eye like an eagle's, and a face full of sunshine, said:

"Educate the hearts of your people. Give in your schools rewards to good boys, not to the smart ones. God gives the intellect—the boy should not be rewarded for that. The great danger of our country is from its smart men. Educate the heart. Educate the heart. Let us have good men."

Mrs. Tilford — It must have taken Daniel Webster a long time to compile the dictionary; don't you think so?

Tilford — Daniel? You mean Noah, don't you?

Mrs. Tilford — Now don't be silly. Noah built the ark.—Brooklyn Life.

Doctor (to Gilbert, aged four)—Put your tongue out, dear.

Little Gilbert protruded the tip of his tongue.

Doctor—No, no, put it right out.

The little fellow shook his head weakly, and the tears gathered in his eyes.—"I tan't; it's fastened on to me."—Boston Herald.

In his earlier days John I. Blair owned a railroad out West. At a certain station along the line of this railroad he leased the dining-room privileges. It was stipulated that employees of the road should be charged 50 cents and passengers 75 cents. The first time Mr. Blair dined there he laid down half a dollar and started for the train.

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"I know it," called back the president, as he boarded the car; "this road belongs to me."—Philadelphia Saturday Evening Post.

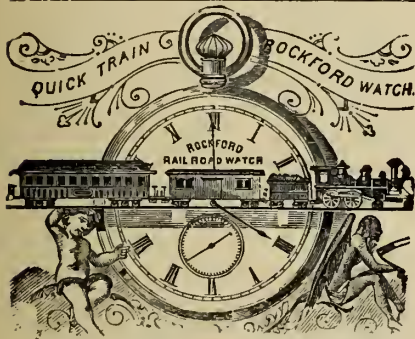
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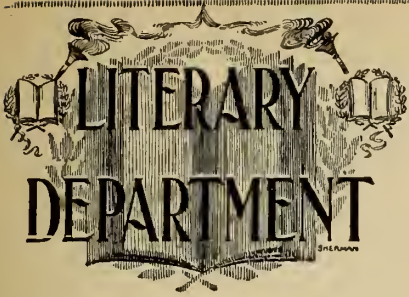
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Professor W. M. Sloane, the historian of Napoleon, writes sympathetically in the July Century of the late Miss Sarah Porter, and her unique educational work at Farmington, Conn.

Senator Hoar's paper on "Harvard College Fifty-eight Years Ago," in the July Scribner's, is full of reminiscences of famous men associated with the university, and there are amusing anecdotes illustrating traits of some of the professors, and the ways of the college boys of his time.

The Popular Science Monthly, which was established in 1872 by the Appletons and which has at present the largest circulation of any scientific journal in the world, is now being edited by Professor James McKeen Cattell of Columbia University, and published by McClure, Phillips & Co.

Messrs. Houghton, Mifflin & Company, the publishers of Miss Mary Johnston's "To Have and To Hold," have issued, upon the appearance of the 200th thousand of that book, a pamphlet for general distribution by booksellers, which contains, besides an excellent autograph portrait of Miss Johnston, a quantity of quite interesting information.

One Year of Sunday School Lessons for Young Children is the title of a manual for teachers and parents which has been prepared by Florence N. Palmer, and which The MacMillan Company have just published. Fifty-three lessons are presented, in the form in which they are to be told, or read, to the child. Each lesson is illustrated by a half-tone from a painting by one of the great masters. The stories are arranged under topics or moral principles and those have been chosen which are especially attractive to children. The aim has been to present a series of lessons that any mother can read or tell to her child, and that will meet the needs, both of trained kindergartners doing Sunday school work, and of the busy primary teacher.

The Vampire, and Other Poems. By Rudyard Kipling. 200 pages, 12 mo. New York: Street & Smith. Price \$1.00.

The poem which gives this volume its title is considered one of the author's strongest pieces. A frontispiece reproduces the famous picture of

Burne-Jones' "Vampire," which suggested the verses.

The second poem in the volume is the equally famous "Recessional." The rest of the book is made up of poems by the author selected from various sources. As giving in convenient form some of the more notable poems of Kipling the book is of value. Its paper, typography and binding leave much to be desired.

Written in Red, or The Conspiracy in the North Case. (A story of Boston). By C. H. Montague and C. W. Dyar, 335 pages, 12 mo. New York: Brentano's. Price \$1.50.

As one might judge from the title this is a detective story. While the principal scenes are laid in Boston, some of the characters travel a great

Salle's last expedition, and its scenes are laid along the Mississippi river. A Spanish girl of rare beauty, a captive of the Sun-Worshippers, is discovered by the hero, who is a young French nobleman. He, of course, falls in love with her. In addition to this element of the story, there are strong dramatic features, notably, the race between "Cabanacte" and "de Sancerre," which is most vividly described. Among the other especially pleasing features of the book is the happy termination of the love affair of "Cabanacte" and "Katonah."

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The story is fairly interesting. The mystery and its unraveling is satisfactory but not especially unique.

With Sword and Crucifix. By Edward S. Van Zile. 299 pages, 12 mo. New York: Harper & Bros. Price \$1.50.

There should be much local interest in this novel, as the author is a resident of Hartford. Mr. Van Zile is not a prolific writer, but his compositions always exhibit refinement and a distinctive beauty of style. It cannot be said that this book is the author's finest piece of work, but it is, nevertheless, exceptional among contemporary novels.

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The Wreck of the South Pole. By Charles Curtz Hahn, 222 pages, 12 mo. New York: Street & Smith. Price \$1.

There are a dozen short stories in this volume, one of which, "The Indestructible Story," would suggest plagiarism, were not the author so manifestly clever and original in his other stories.

The idea and plot is remarkably like that of a story by William Henry Bishop called "One of the Thirty Pieces," which appeared in the "Atlantic Monthly" of January, 1876, and describes the ill luck of persons into whose hands came a coin which was at length found to be one of the thirty pieces which Judas received for betraying Christ.

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est. The other stories vary in literary merit, but are interesting and unconventional.

About My Father's Business. By Austin Miles. 265 pages, 12mo. New York: The Mershon Company. Price \$1.50.

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Vengeance is Mine. By Andrew Balfour. 307 pages, 12mo. New York: New Amsterdam Book Co. Price \$1.50.

The reading public "discovered" this book very quickly, and since its first publication, something over two months ago, it has gone into its fourth large edition.

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Samson Occum and the Christian Indians of New England. By Rev. William De Loss Love, Ph. D. 379 pages, 12mo. Boston: The Pilgrim Press. Price \$3.

Rev. Mr. Love of the Farmington Avenue church of this city has written in this work a sympathetic chronicle of the life and works, not only of the famous Occum, but of numerous others of the more or less well-known Christian Indians of New England.

Heretofore Occum's name has been associated with some hymns and a few facts of popular interest. Little has been known of the man, however. The author has given much laborious research to his subject, and the result is an adequate biography of Occum. Few readers but will be surprised, too, at the long list of Christian Indians and the energy, sincerity and accomplishments that characterized many of them. Many verbatim extracts from unpublished diaries and other papers are quoted with effect.

The chapter regarding Occum's visit to England, his sermons and hymns, and the closing days of his career, are of peculiar interest. As a whole the book is as distinct an addition to colonial history as it is to the records of religious progress. A number of portraits and photographic reproductions add to the value of the work.

The History of the Book of Common Prayer. By Rev. Leighton Pullan, Fellow of St. John Baptist's College, Oxford; Lecturer in Theology at St. John's, Oriel, and Queen's Colleges.

328 pages, 12 mo. New York: Longmans, Green & Co. Price \$1.50.

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The Knights of the Cross. Vol. II.

man who first brought his work before the English readers.

Popular Misconceptions as to Christian Faith and Life. By Rev. Frank T. Lee. 261 pages, 12 mo. Boston: The Pilgrim Press. Price \$1.25.

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By Henry Sienkiewicz. 352 pages, crown 8 vo. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. Price \$1.00.

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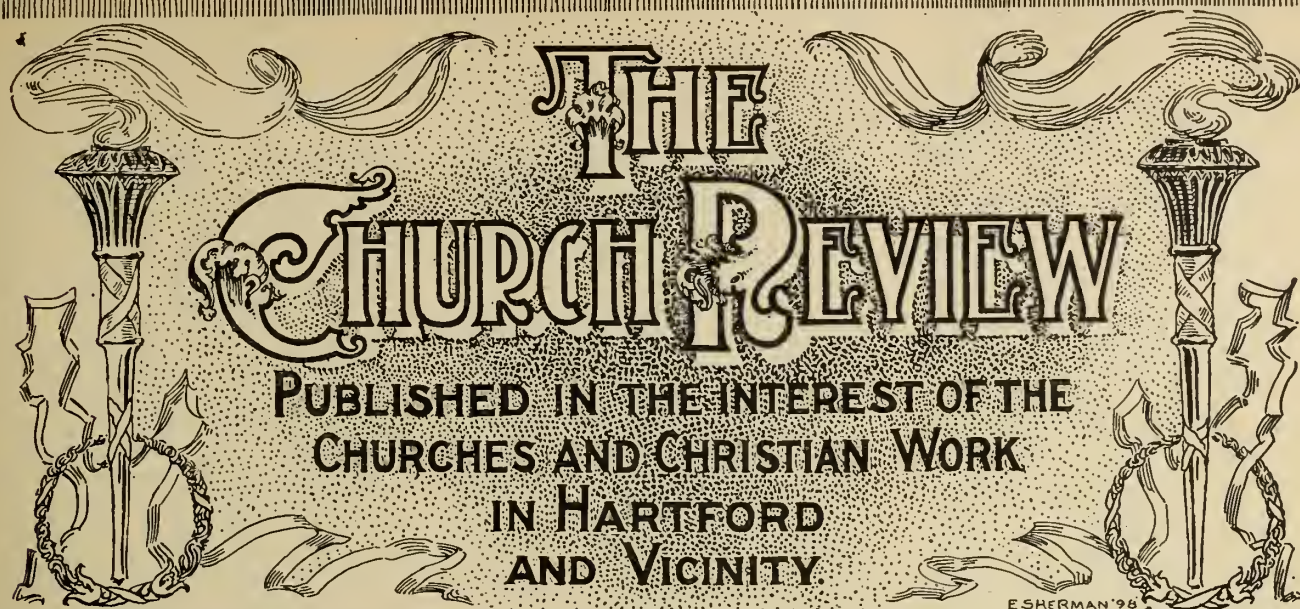
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LITTLE THINGS.

By Henry Vandyke.

Only a little shrivelled seed—
It might be a flower, or grass, or
weed;

Only a box of earth on the edge
Of a narrow, dusty window-ledge;
Only a few scant summer showers;
Only a few clear, shining hours.
That was all. Yet God could make
Out of these, for a sick child's sake,
A blooming wonder, as fair and sweet
As ever broke at an angel's feet.

Only a life of barren pain,
Wet with sorrowful tears for rain;
Warmed sometimes by a wandering
gleam

Of joy that seemed but a happy
dream.

A life as common and brown and
bare

As the box of earth on the window
there;

Yet it bore at last the precious bloom
Of a perfect soul in a narrow room—
Pure as the snowy leaves that fold
Over the flower's heart of gold.

THE HOME AND THE CHURCH. PARTNERS IN EVANGELISM.

By Rev. H. E. Peabody.

The revival in catechetical instruction is one of the chief signs of our times in the sphere of evangelism. It is hard to say how far the new ideas of education are the cause of the present disuse of revival meetings as the regular means for bringing the people of our parishes into the church. It is certain however, that the many pastor's classes springing up among the churches are usually conducted in the light of and in sympathy with the revival in child study and education. In the pastor's classes systematic and long continued instruction in the elements of the Christian religion takes the place of the few and often unconnected sermons of a series of revival meetings. And individual dealing with the child by question and answer month after month takes the place of the general exhortation of the brief

inquiry-room conversation of the older method. It is easy to see that the methods of the pastor's class if used with the same earnest, soul-winning spirit as the older methods, will blend much more naturally with previous and subsequent religious training and give promise of far larger results. On the other hand the class method can never wholly supersede the revival meeting method for the reason that many unbelievers, especially adults, will not come into classes for systematic instruction and must be reached if at all, by more attractive and extraordinary means.

Excellent and full of promise as are the results of the new catechetical instruction in our New England churches, this work is as yet largely in a formative and incomplete state. In the first place there is no catechism for the young framed in simple, modern language which has met with anything like general acceptance among the evangelical churches. Many pastors hardly expect to find another man's catechism to fit their own individual methods of teaching, and they prefer to make their own catechism.

But there is an incompleteness of a larger sort than that of the catechism proper. In order to be scientific and complete, the religious education in the pastor's class must be coordinated with the previous religious training of the child and with his subsequent religious education beyond the elements of Christianity. At least as far as the child's intelligence is concerned, the pastor's class is to bring him into the Christian life, but beyond that is education in the Life, which should develop from the pastor's class work as naturally as "the ear" and "the full corn" develop from "the blade." This higher Christian education will doubtless remain chiefly the work of the church, perhaps in its reformed Sunday School.

But a still more important part of Christian education with which the pastor's class needs to be coordinated is the home training before the child comes to the class. The few years of the child's life before he comes to the church constitute the most important period of his education. They are the

years of the awakening and luxuriant growth of the senses, the emotions and the imagination. These are the faculties which underlie reason and have most to do with the formation of character. If a child's senses are directed into healthful exercises, if his emotions are regulated and guided aright, if his imagination is kept pure and sane, then when later, reason awakens, he will use his reason for good ends. These underlying faculties are the motive power of character and if they are given a strong momentum toward God and the right, the child is safe. For people go wrong not so much from lack of a rational knowledge that things are wrong, as from lack of inclination and power to do the right. We may use the words "guided" and "regulated" advisedly in regard to these faculties underlying reason in the little child. We do not need to stimulate or force them. Far from it, so full is the child of activity along all these lines, that it takes a very active person to keep up with him. What is needed is to "steer" him. You seldom find two able-bodied men strong enough to do that. It takes a woman, a mother.

Now although the Church and the School come in afterwards to help the home, the home may often have the battle for character essentially won before the child reaches these, and even after the joining of this alliance of the three great educators, the home remains the dominant partner in the alliance.

Into this matchless opportunity of the home the parents will welcome the pastor as a counsellor in regard to the substance and method of the religious training of their children. And here is the chance for a catechism that can be used in the home as well as in the pastor's class, which shall contain carefully selected scripture to be memorized and suggestions about the best books for children with which to supplement the Bible and the catechism. The bulk of the work of learning the catechism can be done in the home and in the Sunday School, and can lead up to the pastor's class so naturally that the class work may be largely verifying and inspirational.

Catechetical instruction is sorely

crippled without the steady co-operation of the home and on the other hand many willing Christian parents are at a loss what and how to teach their children. It is the natural duty of the expert teacher, which the pastor should be, to meet this need of parents. And if he will enter into their labors from the first, with definite suggestions and a systematic outline of religious instruction culminating in his pastor's class, "the world, the flesh and the devil" have little chance of keeping the children out of the Kingdom of God. Most of the actual work of fitting the children for church membership will be done by the parents, as it should be, and religion instead of seeming to the child something imported by an outsider, will have its roots entwined with his earliest and most essential ideas of all life.

PEKING, THE IMPERIAL CITY OF CHINA.

Peking, the capital of the Chinese Empire, is just now the cynosure of the reading world. It has been an imperial city for at least nine centuries. The Chinese accounts of the origin of their nation are about as vague and unreliable as have been the reports from the capital during the first weeks of the recent rebellious uprising; but for a millennium, at least, there is authentic history. Peking is situated near the northern border of China, about thirty-five miles from the nearest part of the great wall. Its situation near the northern border recommended it to the Tartar invaders as a convenient center for their power, and in 986 A. D. it was taken by an invading force of Khitan Tartars, who adopted it as their headquarters, and named it Nan King, or the "Southern Capital." In the twelfth century the Chinese recaptured it, and for several centuries it passed from the control of one dynasty to another, but for more than five hundred years it has been the seat of the Chinese government.

The city is surrounded by a wall enclosing an area of twenty-five square miles and measuring thirty miles in circumference. The walls about the oldest part of the city are fifty feet high, with a width of sixty feet at the base and forty feet at the top. The outer faces of the wall are strengthened by square buttresses, on the summit of which stand the guard-houses for the troops on duty.

The population is estimated at 1,000,000, being the eleventh city in size in the world, ranking next to Chicago.

We will let Dr. W. A. P. Martin, who spent nearly sixty years in China, describe Peking, where he lived a long time:

"Peking occupies the focus of a parabola, formed by the junction of two systems of hills, one fringing the Mongolian plateau and sweeping eastward to the gulf, the other bounding the highlands of the west and extending south for four hundred miles to the banks of the Yellow River. Carpeted with grass, but destitute of trees, excepting a few groves planted in sacred places, the hills rise range on range, like the waves of a green sea, to the height of respectable mountains, some of the peaks measuring from four to five thousand feet.

"The great city of Peking, with its glittering palaces, is the central object of interest; while the Hunting Park on the south, the Summer Palace on

the northwest, the Hill of Longevity—where the Empress Dowager lives in retirement, surrounded by a sumptuous court, and visited every five days by the Emperor, who performs the kotow at her feet—and, finally, two rivers and a lake complete a panorama unique in its beauty and grandeur. The impression produced by this landscape on the poet-Emperor, Kien-lung, is preserved in an autograph poem graven on a rock at the entrance:

"Why have I scaled these misty heights?
Why sought this mountain den?
I tread as on enchanted ground
Unlike the abode of men.

"Weird voices in the trees I hear,
Weird visions see in air;
The whispering pines are living harps,
And fairy hands are there.

"Beneath my feet my realm I see,
As in a map unrolled;
Above my head a canopy
Bedecked with clouds of gold."
—The Watchword.

OUR MISSIONARIES IN CHINA.

The effort is continued to produce an impression that the missionaries in China, sent by Evangelical Protestant Churches, are responsible for the present outbreak against foreigners in that venerable kingdom. The accusation is not well founded so far as it relates to the missionaries of Protestant bodies. On the contrary, they have won many friends. They have acted discreetly as a rule. A very few among them have been indiscreet. Faithful preaching of the truths of the Bible awakens the antagonism of bad men everywhere. It is denounced and hated in this city. It is held up often to ridicule. Men who assail the truth, who endeavor to destroy its power by declaring and advocating the speculations and conjectures of German criticism are commended. These conditions have always existed. It is not true, however, that the assault upon foreigners at present by the Chinese is due to the action of Protestant missionaries. It is true in regard to the interference of priests of the Roman Church with the administration of justice. The chief cause, however, for the present assaults on foreigners is the seizure of ports and adjoining territory by European Powers, Great Britain having been the leader. Hong Kong was seized by Great Britain, and adjoining territory, in 1841 to 1843, as a recompense for the destruction of some thousands of chests of opium by Chinese Mandarins. France followed in the seizure of a Chinese port and territory, Russia and Germany have imitated the example of rapacity and greed set for them. The reason for the first seizure by Great Britain was a thoroughly disgraceful one. Those of her successors have been no less deserving of condemnation.—The Christian Intelligencer.

HIS MONUMENT.

On a marble slab in St. Paul's Cathedral are carved these words:—

"Beneath is buried Ch. Wren, architect of this church and city, who lived for more than ninety years, not for himself, but for the public good. Reader, if thou seekest his monument, look around."

THE NEW YORK CITY THAT WASHINGTON KNEW.

One of the ever-memorable events in the annals of New York City was that which occurred on April 30, 1789—the inauguration of General George Washington as the first President of the United States. Among the twenty-five thousand souls who constituted its population at that time there was a bright little Quaker lady, who by birth, marriage and re-marriage after the death of her first husband had been successively a Sharples and a Franklin, and was now an Osgood, the wife of Samuel Osgood, postmaster-general under the new administration.

Mrs. Osgood had every reason, personal as well as patriotic, to take a keen interest in the event, for it was the house built by her first husband, Samuel Franklin, on that part of the city now known as Franklin Square, which had been selected by the city to be the first residence of the nation's first President.

To one of her friends in Philadelphia this lady wrote a letter, dated on the day of Washington's inauguration, which is still preserved by her descendants. It begins as follows:

"Great rejoicing in New York on the arrival of General Washington; an elegant barge decorated with an awning of satin, twelve oarsmen dressed in white frocks and blue ribbons went down to E. Town (Elizabethtown) last Fourth day (Wednesday) to bring him up. A stage was erected at the Coffee house wharf, with a carpet for him to step on, where a company of Light Horse, one of artillery, and most of the inhabitants were waiting to receive him; they paraded through Queen street in great form, while the music of the drums and the ringing of the bells were enough to stun one with the noise."

She goes on to tell how her Aunt Osgood and Lady Kitty Duer had supervised the furnishing of the house:

"I went the morning before the General's arrival to take a look at it. The best of furniture in every room, and the greatest quantity of plate and china I ever saw; the whole of the first and second stories is papered, and the floors covered with the richest kind of Turkey and Wilton carpets. The house did honor to my aunts and Lady Kitty; they spared no pains nor expense on it. There is scarcely anything talked about now but General Washington and the Palace."

The "Palace," which was the occasion of so much talk, was a mansion of the old Colonial type, three stories and an attic high, with a door opening on Cherry street—it was known as No. 3 Cherry street—and lighted by twelve windows on the Cherry street side and fourteen on Franklin, or, as it was then called, St. George's Square. To eyes accustomed, as Washington's had been from boyhood, to open daily upon the shining reaches of a river, there must have been comfort in the beautiful bits of water view that could be caught from the windows—the near East River on the Franklin Square side, and the more distant bay on the Cherry street side. There were complaints at the time that the President's house was too far out of the city proper, which then centred in Bowling Green, with a narrowed northward extension along Broadway to the "Commons," now City Hall park. And, indeed, it was some time after the Pres-

ident had left Cherry street and New York itself before the town residents extended so far to the eastward as Franklin Square. Then came the marts of trade to drive the residences northward and to fill the square with the hum of traffic, whose storm centre took a northward flight in its own due time, so that the house hallowed by so many memories became in turn a music store and a bank, and then, after conversion to still baser uses, was torn down in 1856. The only bit of it known to exist is the President's chair of the New York Historical Society, which is made of wood taken from the old house.

And what sort of a city was the new and, as it turned out, the temporary capital of the nation over which Washington had been called to rule? She was far, indeed, from having even the relative importance which is hers today. "This town," says Governor John Page, a Virginia Congressman, "is not half as large as Philadelphia, nor in any manner to be compared to it for beauty and elegance. The streets are badly paved, dirty and narrow, as well as crooked, and filled up with a strange variety of wooden, stone and brick buildings, and full of hogs and mud."

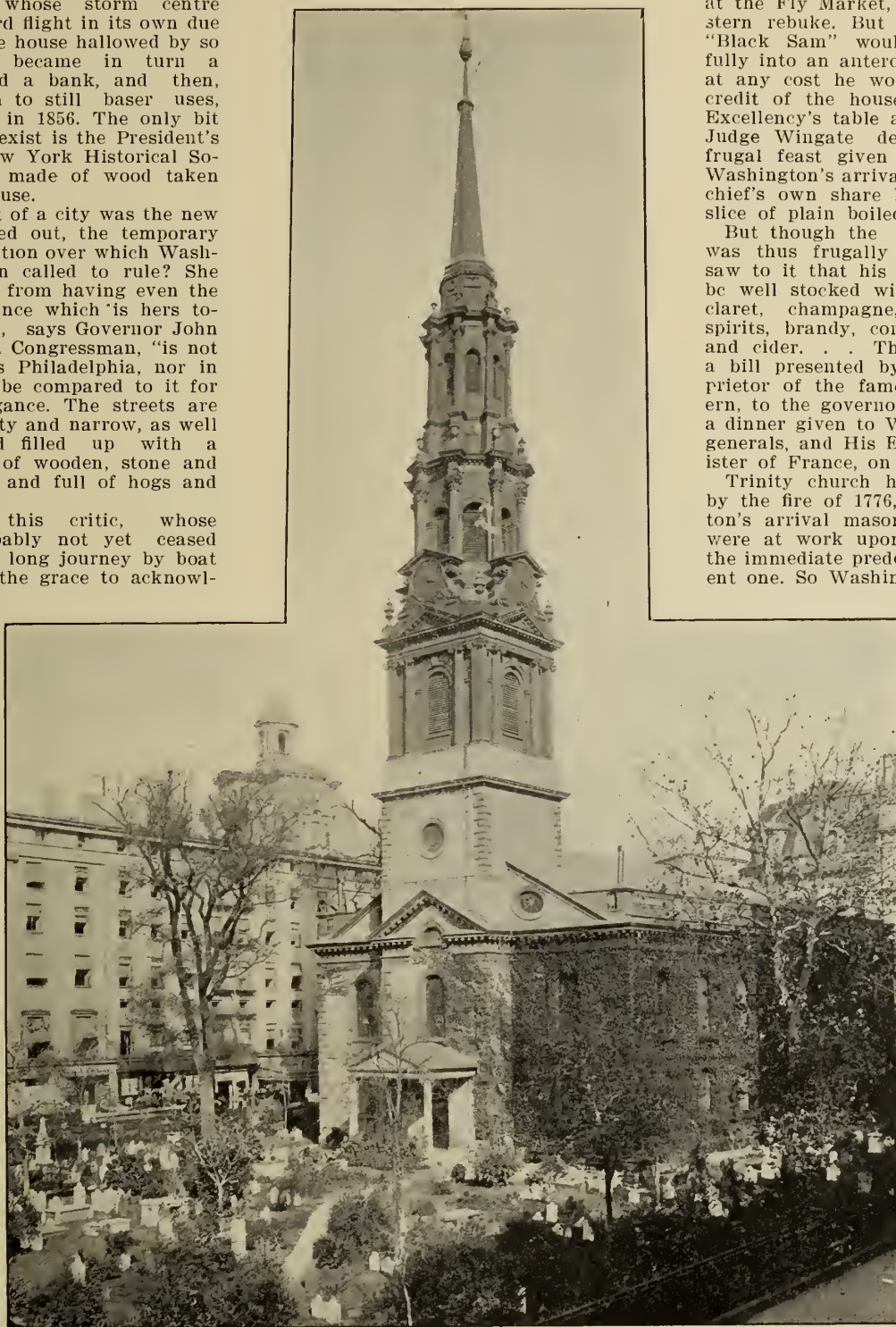
Nevertheless this critic, whose bones had probably not yet ceased aching from his long journey by boat and coach, has the grace to acknowl-

Fraunce had already become famous as the proprietor of Fraunce's Tavern, still standing on the southeast-corner of Broad and Pearl street. Built in 1700, from 1762 until now the building

Goaded by anti-Federalist criticisms upon his love of display, Washington mounted his first establishment in New York on very simple lines. Fraunce's occasional extravagances, notably the purchase of an early shad at the Fly Market, brought upon him stern rebuke. But on every occasion "Black Sam" would withdraw tearfully into an anteroom, declaring that at any cost he would continue the credit of the house by "serving His Excellency's table as it ought to be." Judge Wingate describes the very frugal feast given to welcome Mrs. Washington's arrival in New York, the chief's own share being limited to a slice of plain boiled mutton.

But though the President's larder was thus frugally supplied, Fraunce saw to it that his wine cellar should be well stocked with choice Madeira, claret, champagne, sherry, arrack, spirits, brandy, cordials, porter, beer and cider. . . . There is still extant a bill presented by Cape, the proprietor of the famous Province Tavern, to the governor of New York for a dinner given to Washington and his generals, and His Excellency the Minister of France, on Evacuation Day.

Trinity church had been destroyed by the fire of 1776, and on Washington's arrival masons and carpenters were at work upon a new structure, the immediate predecessor of the present one. So Washington and his fam-



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, FULTON STREET AND BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

Substantially the same, save for the spire added in 1794, as when Washington and his family worshipped there.

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edge that the College, St. Paul's church, the Hospital and the Federal Hall, in Wall street, "are elegant buildings."

It was not until the latter part of May, 1789, that Mrs. Washington joined her husband in New York. Meanwhile Samuel Fraunce had been installed as steward of the household.

has always been used as a public house, with, however, varying degrees of excellence, and in later years with none of its early distinction. Aside from its ancient culinary fame it bears historical memories. It had been Washington's headquarters in 1776, and in 1783 he had delivered there his farewell address to his generals. * *

ily worshipped at first at St. Paul's Chapel, substantially the same, save for the spire added in 1794, that it is at present. The pew he occupied has been preserved, and is still to be seen next the north wall, midway between the chancel and the vestry.

When the new Trinity church was finished a canopied pew was provided

for the President, which he occupied from 1791, abandoning St. Paul's for Trinity, as in the same year he abandoned the Franklin house for the McComb mansion at No. 39 Broadway.

Vice-President John Adams made his home at the Richmond Hill mansion, where Varick street now crosses Charlton. This house was a centre of historical memories. Here Washington had made his temporary headquarters in 1776, after the battle of Long Island.

The most populous, if not the most popular, and by all odds the finest public building in New York was the jail on the Commons, which had become the Debtor's Prison. During 1788 eleven hundred and sixty persons, one out of every twenty-five citizens, were jailed there under the iniquitous debtor's laws of the period. One of Washington's first acts of private char-

snails, we must go about not only with our eyes open, but with our minds open. We need to be constantly jogging ourselves to notice this thing and that, or else we are apt to forget the existence of anything except what is held up plainly before our eyes. We must be constantly recollecting that because a thing is invisible, it is none the less real. For instance, if we go out into the street now in broad daylight, and look up at the sky, we do not think of there being anything there above us except what we see, the blue sky and the white clouds. And yet we know, if we will only think of it, that even now overhead there are all the beautiful burning stars, Orion and the Pleiades and the Great Dipper, wheeling across the sky, just as fair and solemn as at midnight.—Edward Rowland Sill.

from the little noisy troubles of life.
—George S. Merriam.

We may overcome depression by duty. It is a blessed thing to have something to do. Some disaster overtakes us or a great sorrow swoops down on our spirit, and it seems as though life can have nothing in store that is desirable. But life still has its wants, it still has its humble duties, and we take them up almost mechanically at first, but before long we find that they are medicinal. Thank God for something to do! The depression of an active spirit frequently arises from enforced idleness. It was after John the Baptist was shut up in prison that he sent his disciples to say to Jesus, "Art thou He that should come, or do we look for another?" Jesus did not reproach the prophet of the wilderness for asking such a question. His forerunner had not lost his faith, but his active spirit was depressed by confinement within the black wall of the mountain fortress of Machaerus.
—Advance.

God's end and the soul's good are attained, if the breaking up of the temporary desert home quickens the onward march; lip and heart attuned to the resolve, "Now we desire a better country, that is, an heavenly!" But for that trial you might have forgotten that the wilderness was not your final rest or portion. You might otherwise have permitted fond fibres of affection to root you to earth. You might have continued in the pursuit of tinted air-bubbles; like one of Bunyan's well-known characters in his dream, preferring feathers and dust to the beckoning angel and the gleaming crown, dimming your eye to "the Better Country." God has, in mercy, shut out the garish noontide, and lighted up His own fiery column with its own golden splendor. He has illuminated it with the words which you can turn, in all time to come, into a pilgrim chant—a "song of degrees," like one of those used by the Jews in going up to their greatest feast: "God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He hath prepared for them a city." Your affliction has brought heaven nearer. It has served to wean from the too alluring fascinations of the present. It has forged adamant chains to link you to the unseen and eternal.
—J. R. Macduff, D. D.



U. S. SUB-TREASURY, WALL STREET, NEW YORK.

Standing on the site of Federal Hall, where Washington was inaugurated as first President of the Nation.

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ity was to give fifty guineas to the Society for the Relief of Distressed Debtors, an act that won him a published card of thanks from the prisoners. The jail survives to this day as the Hall of Records, near the City Hall, and is still beautiful, as it has a right to be, for it was a modified copy of the fane of Diana of Ephesus.—New York Herald.

We have no business to go about only half attending to what is all around us. Many people go through life as snails do, carrying their whole world on their backs; seeing and thinking of nothing except clothes and food and their little daily circumstances of pleasure or trouble. If we mean to be anything higher than a sort of human

SUGGESTIVE.

Do what your hands find to do, but do not reach out and take what does not belong to you and which was never intended for you.—Anon.

If we do not do the work we were meant to do, it will remain forever undone. In the annals of eternity there will be some good lacking that we might have provided, some reward unbestowed that we might have had.—Anna Robertson Brown.

Deep streams run still; and why? Not because there are no obstructions, but because they altogether overflow those stones or rocks round which the shallow stream has to make its noisy way; it is the full life that saves us

"WHAT YOU ARE."

A little boy was on the scales, and, being very anxious to outweigh his playmate, he puffed out his cheeks, and swelled up like a little frog. But the playmate was the wiser boy. "Oho!" he cried in scorn, "that doesn't do any good; you can only weigh what you are!" How true that is of us bigger children, who try to impress ourselves upon our neighbors and friends, and even upon ourselves, and, yes—sometimes upon God Almighty by the virtues we would like to have! It doesn't do any good. You may impose upon your neighbor's judgment, and get him to say you are a fine fellow—noble, generous, brave, faithful, loving; but if it is not deeply true, if you are not generous, brave, and loving, these fancied qualities are not moving him to be generous brave, and loving. "You can only weigh what you are."—[The Wellspring.]



HOCKANUM CONGREGATIONAL.

At the communion service held the first Sunday in July, seven united with the church on profession of their faith. With the exception of one, all were members of the C. E. Society.

During the absence of our pastor, the Young Peoples Society and the Juniors united and held their meetings Sunday mornings in place of the usual service.

Our pastor, Rev. F. P. Bacheler, has returned from his two weeks' vacation, which was spent with his brother at Perry, Maine.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

St. James' church has been decorated inside with bright colors, and on the outside the woodwork has been painted and the crosses regilded. The church is not closed during August.

WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

Our pastor, Mr. Elsdon, is supplying the church in New Britain in the absence of their pastor. We have very able men to preach for us so far, Messrs. Mucklow and Pike.

The young ladies of the church held a lawn festival Friday evening, July 27, which was a success.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH.

Sunday school closed for the summer vacation, with a service at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon, July 1st. The sessions of the school will resume on the second Sunday in September.

Sunday afternoon, July 1st, at 5:30, a memorial service for the Odd Fellows of Hartford was held, at which the rector, Rev. Geo. R. Warner, officiated, and preached. A large number of Odd Fellows attended. A printed service, with appropriate hymns was used.

Tuesday, July 10th, the annual parish and Sunday school excursion took place at Hanover Park, Meriden, and was well attended by both grown people and children.

The Sunday evening services are omitted during July and August.

NEWINGTON CONGREGATIONAL.

Rev. Edwin Aiken of Tien Tsin, China, gave an address on "Missionary Efforts in China," on Sunday evening, July 29. This took the place of the Christian Endeavor meeting. Mr. Aiken is, at present, boarding with Mrs. Joseph Camp at the Junction.

Mr. Norman P. Camp, our C. E. president, is taking a bicycle tour in Europe and will visit the Exposition.

A committee of the C. E. society has been appointed to take charge of open air meetings at Newington Park on Sunday afternoons.

Two of our young people, Miss Emma Francis and Mr. Jedidiah Deming,

will be married Wednesday evening, Aug. 9, 1900.

A very pleasant outing was enjoyed by the Sunday school at Lake Compounce, on August 1. The day was all that could be desired and all enjoyed themselves at this popular resort.

Rev. Mr. Watrous occupied the pulpit August 12. Our pastor preached in South Glastonbury.

Our Sunday school superintendent, Mr. Joshua Belden and Mrs. Belden, are at Sachem's Head.

Mr. E. Stanley Welles is enjoying a trip to the coast of Maine.

SOUTH BAPTIST.

Most of the church services have been held up to this time and with the exception of the preaching services and Junior C. E. meetings will be continued through August.

Our Bible school is trying the experiment of holding the session in the morning at 9:45 with very good results so far.

The school gave its annual lawn party the last of June. On the same afternoon, the King's Daughters entertained some of the older members of the church at the annual tea.

The principal work of the King's Daughters at present is the renovation of the primary school room which is sorely needed.

On the evening of July 11th Mr. Herbert Augur was married to Miss Emelie B. Thomas, in the church. We were glad that it was possible for him to be married in his old home church as he is away from us most of the year, being engaged as one of the faculty of a college on the Pacific coast.

Many of our members are taking their summer rest. Our pastor and family are as usual in the mountains of West Virginia. We trust the rest will do them much good.

We are using a prepared program in our Thursday evening meetings. Subjects are chosen, leaders and helpers appointed, the pastor having the meeting in charge occasionally. So far they have proved very helpful.

FOURTH CONGREGATIONAL.

The primary department during August will be taught as one class instead of being sub-divided. Many improvements have been made here, and more are expected, since Miss Eddy returned from New Jersey Primary Summer school.

Our pastor, Mr. Kelsey, will occupy the pulpit both morning and evening, Sunday, Aug. 19. Aug. 5 we began evening stereopticon services and will keep it up for five or six weeks.

Mr. Handy went to Northfield, Aug. 6, to stay until the 11th.

Sunday, July 29th, was the last of the musical nights for the summer and was very successful. Mr. Benedict and the choir are to be congratulated on the success of the whole series.

Vacations may come and go but the Fourth church holds on its way. The choir are having a rest this month.

The activity of the Young People's Society at this time of year promises well for the busy season. A large pledge chart has just been purchased. Five dollars was voted on Aug. 5th to help a needy family.

The Young Men's class is keeping together this summer. The evening of August 13th they held a progressive bicycle ride from Middletown.

Our second Young Men's class—Miss Dresser's—keeps up its meetings though their teacher is at Paris. Their weekly club is doing well.

Mr. Clayton Hotchkiss, assistant organist, plays two Sundays in August at the North M. E. church and two more for the Fourth.

WINDSOR CONGREGATIONAL.

Our pastor, Rev. Roscoe Nelson, will be absent during August spending his vacation in Maine.

The pulpit was occupied August 5th by Dr. Cregan, one of the secretaries of the American Board who gave us a graphic account of some conditions in China.

Rev. Mr. Prentiss of Poquonock will preach August 12th, and the announcement for the following two Sundays will be made later.

On two Sunday evenings, July 22d and 29th, the meetings of the Endeavor Society have been held on the lawn in front of the church and so pleasant have been the surroundings that our meetings through August will probably be held there if the weather permits.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Rev. Joseph Brewster of St. John's church, Warehouse Point, Ct., will conduct the services the first two Sundays in August, and the reader of the church, Mr. Cranston Brenton, the last two Sundays.

The singing will be by the Sunday school vested choir. Mrs. Kinney will be the organist and choir instructor.

The rector and family are spending their vacation at Sheffield, in the Berkshires. He will have a well earned rest from his many duties.

The grounds and approaches to the Memorial House and the church are looking their best at this time. The beautiful lawns, trees and shrubs are very green for this time of the year. The soil is very good for the growth of trees and grass. Just in the rear and at the east and west ends of the Memorial House are two fine bushes of the dahlia species with a mass of yellow blossoms. One short strip of lawn between the Memorial House and church is quite noticeable from its shape, which resembles a giant cigar. The space north of the church is also attractive with its shrubs and bushes and close shaven lawn.

OLIVET BAPTIST.

The attendance at our meetings has become somewhat smaller during the summer months. Many of our young people are taking their vacation.

Our pastor, Mr. Connell, is away on his vacation.

The superintendent of our Sabbath school, William G. Reid, has left us for a time to work in Worcester, Mass. His assistant, Mr. Aubin, and wife, are in Canada during the heated season.

Our Sunday evening service has been united with the C. E. meetings for the month of August. On Sunday evening, August 5, the Friendly Brothers of the First Baptist church came out to help us in the meeting. We had a very pleasant and healthful time together.

Recently Mr. and Mrs. Clough of the Salvation Army have united with our church by letter. We feel gratified to have such good workers hand in hand with us.

Our church is in hopes that when the

absent ones return we shall again labor zealously for our Master, and much good will be accomplished.

SOUTH PARK METHODIST.

The pastor will be out of town during the next four weeks. The pulpit will be filled by the Rev. Magee Pratt.

All the Sunday and weekly services will continue the same as during the month of July.

During the absence of our Sunday school superintendent and assistant, different teachers are taking charge of the opening exercises.

SECOND ADVENT.

Preaching services have been omitted for the Sundays of August 5th and 12th, as so many of our members are attending the camp meeting at Springfield, at which place our pastor, Rev. G. M. Teeple, was the preacher at the morning service, Aug. 5th.

The church will be open, however, for the Loyal Workers' meetings at 6:30 Sundays, and 7:45 Tuesday evenings.

We record, this month, the death of one of our oldest members, Mr. R. D. Cornwell, aged 93, who died at the hospital, Aug. 1st, of old age, and we all say: "A good man is gone."

August 6th the annual meeting of the Hartford branch of the Christian Burden Bearers will be held for its usual business. This is a prosperous Life Insurance Society, whose membership comprises certified Christians of any denomination.

WEST HARTFORD CONGREGATIONAL.

During last week God called to himself one of our most faithful workers, Albin Johnson. He was vice-president of the C. E. and superintendent of the Sunday school. For these positions he was most fitly qualified. He was of a true, faithful, earnest and loving disposition, one whom every one loved. His love and devotion to his home and his church were so plainly visible. His memory will ever be cherished by all, and his faithful example an inspiration to us who must work without him. Rev. L. M. Hodgton, pastor of the church, who was in Maine on his vacation, returned and officiated at the funeral service, which was held Monday afternoon, at the church, at 3 o'clock. The family of the deceased have the deepest sympathy of all the congregation.

NEW BRITAIN AVE. MISSION.

Our correspondent, Miss Charlotte J. Mill, and her nephew, Harry J. Foster, are spending their summer vacation at New Boston, N. H. Many of our teachers are away but by doubling classes we have enough for the summer numbers.

Last Sunday, Aug. 5th, our attendance was ninety in the Sunday school and we had a goodly number at the evening service. Such numbers prove to us that although many must be away through the summer months there are yet many left who are glad to attend the Mission and appreciate its being open through the season.

Our treasurer and assistant treasurer Messrs. Henry Gage and Richard Joslyn, have just returned from their summer outing at Lake George.

THE GOSPEL WAGON.

The numbers who attend the services held from the Gospel Wagon each Sunday show the interest felt and are an encouragement to Superintendent Miller and those associated with him in their efforts. It has been deemed advisable to change the place of the second meeting from City Hall square to the corner of Pearl and Trumbull streets and the change will no doubt be appreciated.

WINDSOR AVE. CONGREGATIONAL

Our pastor, the Rev. H. E. Peabody, has gone on a vacation for the month of August.

Last Sunday morning the pulpit was occupied by the Rev. Henry E. Gordon of Colorado Springs, Col.

Next Sunday the Rev. Mr. Gregg of Colorado Springs, a former pastor of the Windsor Avenue Congregational church, will preach.

The Y. P. S. C. E. will give a moonlight excursion down the river Friday evening, August 10th.

Miss Stronach will return from London next week, where she has been attending the C. E. convention as our delegate.

WETHERSFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

Rev. George L. Clark and wife, who have been spending their vacation of two weeks at Shelburne Falls, Mass., are expected home on Thursday.

During our pastor's absence the pulpit has been supplied by Rev. Mr. Colton, on July 29th, and by Rev. Mr. Taft of Higganum on August 5th. Mr. Colton was a former pastor of this church, preaching here from 1856 to 1866.

The Sunday school is planning for a picnic at Lake Compounce on Tuesday, August 14th.

On September 4th the Wethersfield and Berlin Sunday School Union will hold its annual meeting with us, forenoon and afternoon sessions.

Evening service has been omitted during July and August.

FIRST BAPTIST.

The main department of the Sunday school will be taught as one class during the remaining Sundays in August.

The annual Sunday school picnic, which was held at Highland Lake, Winsted, July 6th, was one of the most successful of all our picnics, and reflects great credit on the committee having the arrangements in charge. Sufficient money was raised to pay all the bills and a small balance left.

The death of the Rev. Faronda Bestor at Red Bank, N. J., on the 20th of June, removed one of our oldest members. He was just entering his 94th year. He was converted and became a member of the church when a young man 19 years old. The burial took place at Spring Grove cemetery, this city. Our pastor, Rev. Mr. Pattison, officiating.

Prof. Gillette of the Theological Seminary conducted the services July 29th, taking the pastor's place while he preached for an old friend in Brookline.

One of our best missionary meetings was that held July 19th, led by Mr. Utley. The words of the various members of the committee were made all the

more profitable by the presence of one of Dr. Judson's dictionaries which Mr. Utley brought from the Watkinson library.

There is no doubt that the vestibule praise service, which was inaugurated last summer by our young people, is a great success. From seven to eight o'clock on Sunday evenings is now looked forward to by a large number of us as one of the best hours of the week. In attendance, these meetings are a great contrast to the services which used to be held in the primary room. There, in mid-summer, there used to be but a handful of us, while the large, crowded meeting of last Sunday night in the vestibule bears witness to a better state of things. One of the best things about this service is that it really means praise; a gathering of our church on Sunday evening to sing the hymns of Zion. Every one who sings in these meetings becomes, so far, a missionary. Every one that goes by the open front door hears the joyous invitation, whether he accept it or not.

SUFFIELD ST. BAPTIST.

Mr. Pattison lead the Endeavor meeting July 27, and Miss Annie Brown for the Young People's Association, July 13th.

Miss May Marsh left last week for Clinton, Mass., where she is planning to spend two weeks with her brother. Miss Edena Marsh goes to Winchester for a few weeks this month.

The semi-annual meeting and election of officers of the Endeavor Society took place Friday evening, August 10. The committees of the society reported on the work done during the term.

On Monday evening, July 8 and Wednesday evening, July 25, pleasant evenings were enjoyed at the home of Miss Daisy Coleman, and the Misses May and Edena Marsh, respectively, by several of the chapel young folk.

The thoughts which Mr. Wyman is presenting in the form of a storiette, show much clearness of perception, and make plain what the author wishes to convey, that grand and noble thoughts are worthy the conversation of man.

GLENWOOD CONGREGATIONAL.

The sermons delivered by Mr. Roberts since he has been with us have been very helpful and instructive. He will only be with us three more Sundays. Mr. MacGeehon will begin his duties on September 2nd and we believe that he will be well prepared for his fall and winter work among us as he is a very enthusiastic worker.

Mr. Meekins has gone to Elizabeth, N. J. to work.

Mrs. Robinson is spending her vacation at her old home in Lee, Mass. She has invited a number of our young people up there for a few weeks in September.

Miss Bertha Reed is visiting in Higganum.

We are pleased to see so many strangers at our meetings Sundays. They are always very welcome.

Mr. Roberts believes in the Thursday night meetings more than any others and makes these meetings of a social nature which has proven quite successful. We would be pleased to see any at these meetings who enjoy a good social christian hour that is always helpful.

Many of our children are away at

this time which occasions a small number in our Sunday school. The superintendent is grateful to those who have given their services in the Sunday school in taking the places of teachers that are away.

There will be no choir during August.

Miss Trigoing has returned from her vacation. She tells of a pleasant time spent with one of our old members, Mrs. Phipps.

We have been fortunate in starting a club for this paper. All of our members who have had a copy are well pleased with it. For particulars see Mr. Wilder.

WETHERSFIELD AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

The church will be closed during the month of August, the only services to be continued are the Sunday school and the Christian Endeavor meetings.

Our pastor is away at the present time taking his annual vacation. He will return about the end of the month.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Noble spent several days in New York recently.

Miss Rena Relyea has taken charge of the office of Mr. F. E. Cleveland during his tour in France.

The Institute for the Blind is closed for a short time, many of the inmates being away on vacations.

BLOOMFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

Last Sunday evening, August 5th, the local Baptist, Methodist and Congregational church held a union meeting in our church under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Society. The meeting was addressed by Rev. Mr. Aitkens, a missionary recently returned from China, after ten years' experience in various phases of missionary life and work among the Chinese people.

Mr. Aitkens seemed quite well acquainted with the political and religious conditions which have led up to the present crisis. The speaker was dressed in a native costume and in the course of the evening described that, the customs and habits of the people, in a manner both interesting and instructive. After the address a collection was taken for the benefit of the American Board.

A number of members of our congregation are camping out at Southwick's Ponds.

A committee was appointed last Sunday for selecting a suitable place for our Sunday school picnic and arranging a date for holding it.

OPEN HEARTH.

The work this summer at the Open Hearth is prospering and evidence is continually given of good accomplished. The meetings are held every evening except Tuesday and Friday and are well attended for the season, and much interest is manifested.

The play grounds about the building are now in full operation and are enjoyed by both the children and their parents. In addition to the sand yard a croquet ground has been arranged where larger girls who attend the meetings or live nearby, can enjoy the game without interfering with the little ones at the swings or at their play. At the children's meeting on Thursday evening a flag drill was introduced and

this feature is much enjoyed by the children; time being kept by a piano and drum accompaniment.

The Fresh Air Excursion.

Two parties numbering 200 each have been to Rainbow on the trolley cars under charge of Superintendent Miller. These excursions were arranged for by Mr. Cary of The Courant and expense defrayed from the fund raised by that paper, for the purpose of giving an opportunity to the children and mothers to have a day's outing. The excursions were much enjoyed by all who participated and will be followed by others.



Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Mr. N. P. Work our educational secretary returned Monday, July 30th, from Westbrook where he has been spending a vacation with his family.

Mr. S. W. Dixon, physical director, left August 1st, for a month's rest before taking up the work of the fall season. He will join Mrs. Dixon, who has been stopping at Asbury Park, and then continue to Fairport, New York where they will enjoy their vacation at his home.

Mr. W. E. Hoffman, assistant physical director at the Bridgeport Y. M. C. A., has been engaged to take charge of the gymnasium work through August in the absence of our physical director.

H. P. Meech, S. A. Dorman, Robert Parker and C. N. Knox, Jr., are representing the Hartford association at Camp Northfield during a part of the August conference. They report a fine crowd at camp, and very interesting meetings.

Wednesday evening, August 8th, a delegation from our Association Wheel Club took a run to New Haven. The clubs from all of the neighboring Associations were invited and their representatives pleasantly entertained by the New Haven Y. M. C. A. at the summer home of the Outing Club at Morris Cove.

The Junior camp on Tuxis Island closed July 25th, after a most successful season. The boys have now all returned and report a fine outing. Many pleasant incidents of camp life will long be remembered. The moral and spiritual atmosphere was most helpful. Many of the boys get a new insight into the Christian life and as they gather together for Bible study each morning they have a special opportunity to quietly and thoughtfully decide for themselves what their life shall be. We are glad to say that many thus date the beginning of their Christian experience from Camp Tuxis. The various summer camps for boys have become an important factor in the boys' work.

Our Washington correspondent writes an interesting letter regarding open air work in that city, as follows:

"At this season when the regular occupants of Washington pulpits are taking or preparing to take their vacations, the street evangelists are working their hardest. Besides the Salvation Army and an occasional traveling evangelist, Washington has a number of men who have for years devoted their time and talents to this class of religious work. The oldest of these, in years as well as in length of service, is Mr. John Wesley Matchett, whose regular meetings Sundays and week day evenings are known as the Fountain Mission, because of their being held at the fountain located in the open space at the corner of Seventh street and Pennsylvania avenue. Mr. Matchett began his street work thirty-three years ago, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., and except during the few years he was in the West with Gen. Custer, trying to pacify Indians, he has kept them up, of late years independently. He is 76 years old, but reads without glasses. He uses the symbolic method of catching the attention of his audience, having pictures covering more than 600 feet of canvas, painted by himself, representing scenes and events from the Bible. His father was a Baptist minister, as is his brother, who occasionally assists him in his street work. He says a number of men and women are as regular in their attendance as his services, as many church members are of their own. Rev. J. M. Little, who has charge of the "Gospel Wagon," operated by the Central Union Mission, is a clerk in the Pension Bureau and gives his time evenings and Sundays gratis, because he believes much good is accomplished by the work. Although this wagon has a regular stand, near the mission building, it goes into all quarters of the city and always carries a load of volunteer singers and speakers. Rev. Henry Morgan, who was a Baptist minister in England, his native country, but who has been engaged in street work in this country for 25 years, during which he has held more than 5,500 meetings in 250 cities, also preaches from a wagon. His work is independent and nonsectarian. He is assisted by his wife, who is a member of the famous Hutchinson family of gospel singers, and their four boys, all of whom sing. Music is a special feature of their services, and that it is more than ordinarily good singing may be seen by the class of persons who stop to hear it. Mr. Morgan was a student under the famous English preacher, Rev. C. H. Spurgeon."

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SOCIAL UNREST.

So long as he is provided with a comfortable home and a full stomach, the average citizen thinks little and cares less for his more unfortunate brother, who never enjoys the former and seldom the latter condition.

Occasionally the prosperous citizen has his compacency rudely disturbed by an event such as the recent deplorable assassination of King Humbert, but such an event is soon forgotten and the pursuit of his own happiness again absorbs his whole attention.

Why are we so blind as not to see in such an event a sure indication of a social unrest which at any time may mean revolution and disaster for us all, and why not set about alleviating conditions which weigh so heavily on our poorer classes?

What is the Church of Christ doing about it? Comparatively little. Yet will Christ's kingdom ever come on

earth while pauperism, crime and intemperance are so manifest on every side.

Take the latter evil alone: While a great many individual Christians are working hard to abolish or lessen this great evil, our churches as organizations are doing comparatively nothing. A temperance sermon is rare, and not altogether a popular theme, and the organized forces of evil find easy victories over a force for good, the churches, because the latter are disorganized when it comes to an issue between them and the saloons. The churches should organize and carry on a war of extermination, admitting of no truce, till every saloon is permanently closed.

The evil of pauperism is not met by establishing poorhouses and free dispensaries. The poor rightly consider that the world owes them a decent living if they work for it, and this they are only too anxious to do, most of them. When a man is denied this opportunity he takes to the road as a tramp, or to the poorhouse as a pauper, and the women if they do not take the latter course, choose an alternative vastly more degrading.

The Church should study into social problems and honestly seek a solution of them. Suppose it means a social revolution. All the more important then that the Church undertake it that it may prove a peaceful one, for if it is ever seriously undertaken by those who are oppressed, it may prove to be bloody indeed, and the Church would have nothing to gain.

The Church needs an enthusiasm for humanity, an enthusiasm which would transform the social conditions of the world and convert it to Christ. It has the power but it is inert. With enthusiasm all things would be possible for it. Dr. Strong says: "An enthusiasm for humanity means far more than a strong desire to save as many individual souls as possible. It means also a longing for the uplifting and perfecting of humanity as a whole, for the saving of society, for the sanctifying of all human institutions and the sweetening of all human relations. Such an enthusiasm would give to the church a profound interest in all the conditions of life which

affect the upward or downward tendencies of races, all that works the improvement or deterioration of the human stock."

At present the Church is making but slow progress in the conversion of humanity, as all must admit. When it comes to occupy the position it should, to accept its full responsibility, and act upon it, then will it progress marvelously and the Kingdom of Christ upon earth will not be far away.

THE CHINESE QUESTION.

There are two sides to this Chinese question, one of which we are likely to overlook—that from the Chinese standpoint.

As a nation they deserve some sympathy. They have endured great provocation. France under various pretexts seized Tonquin, at the outset barely escaped defeat, but ultimately was victorious. Afterward France forced an increase of her territorial holdings. Although the French Republic was taking power away in France from priests of the Roman Church, it made grievances of Roman priests and converts a reason for the demands made on China. Two German priests of the Roman Church were put to death by the Chinese because of their interference with public affairs. Germany seized Shantung, after a very one-sided armed conflict, became after a while dissatisfied with what she had seized, demanded and received an additional tract of territory. To secure an open port on the Pacific, Russia obtained virtually possession of Manchuria. Great Britain, not to be outdone by rivals, demanded and received an enlargement of her territory at Hong Kong. To save themselves from the dismemberment of their country the Chinese are assailing the foreign white men. They do not discriminate between missionaries and converts to Christianity on one hand and grasping political powers on the other. Within a few years, and repeatedly the Chinese government has declared its obligations to the missionaries of Christian churches and commended them to the good will of the Chinese people.

But now a revolution is on, and the missionary work of many years is largely swept away because of the greed of political powers.

No longer do we need to revert to Fox's Book of Martyrs for examples of persecution for righteousness's sake, for we daily read of the wholesale slaughter of native Chinese Christians and the Christian missionaries who have remained in their midst. It is safe to assume that the armies of the "allies" will sooner or later severely punish the Chinese nation for its present outbreak, but it will surely result in a more intense hatred of foreigners, and render missionary work vastly more difficult. The situation is discouraging from a missionary standpoint, and it will be a long and hard task to regain the ground which has been lost during the past few weeks.

WHAT THE CHURCH CARPET COST.

The Chicago Advance gives the following estimate of the direct and collateral cost of a church carpet:

"The price was \$800; but, as the women of the church raised the money by giving entertainments, the pastor's estimate was that, when all the items of cost were figured in, the carpet had cost fully \$4,000. He reached this astonishing total by estimating the work, worry, nervous strain, bodily weariness, and heartaches of one hundred women; the heroic efforts of men, women, and children to eat the things which were to be eaten, and hear, see, or buy things which had been provided to extract money from them; the colds, fevers, and other ailments contracted while attending the entertainments, and the consequent doctors' bills; the money spent in other churches, for if they come to your entertainment you must go to theirs; and, worst and most costly of all, the demoralization of the church, and the curtailment of legitimate giving, which follow in the train of such methods of raising money.

The pastors of the Hartford Baptist churches effected an arrangement with each other this summer to insure that at least one of their number would be in the city through the hot season—a most commendable arrangement.

This suggests another plan, most too late to be effective this summer, but we submit it for what it may be worth for coming summers: Why can not all our pastors come to an arrangement

to insure preaching each Sunday at our summer resorts, many of which are utterly unprovided for in this respect. Experience has proved, in a measure at least, that meetings, especially in the open air, can be conducted successfully at these places. Is there not an opportunity here already too long neglected. With a little system the plan ought to work to advantage all around.

The Northfield Student Conference was held this year in July, as usual, and notwithstanding the loss of Mr. Moody's helpful and inspiring personality, it was marked by the same enthusiasm and doubtless accomplished fully as valuable results as previous conferences. The attendance was larger than at any time during the fourteen years these conferences have been held.

Foreign missions have always been given a prominent place in the conference, and this year was no exception to the rule. Some of the largest meetings in the auditorium, as well as on "Round Top," were used for emphasizing the claims of service abroad. A number of missionaries home on furlough were in attendance, among them, Dr. Ashmore, with a record of fifty years of work in China; Dr. Chamberlain, who has behind him forty years of service in India and Dr. Paton, who has spent the greater part of his life among the wild tribes of the New Hebrides. These three men represent between them 133 years of service in the mission field. All of them are about to return to spend the remainder of their years in the work, which is dearer to them than life itself. Mr. John R. Mott, as chairman of the conference, expressed the feeling of all when he said that if these aged leaders, with their failing strength, still sounded the advance, it ill became younger men to hold back or to beat a retreat. With the example of such men before them, it is not surprising that fully twenty-five men decided before they left Northfield to give their lives to the work of foreign missions. These decisions were not the result of undue pressure. The facts were presented and the students were asked to calmly, but squarely, face the question of their responsibility, and endeavor to ascertain whether God wanted them for the work abroad.

The famine in India still prevails and there is urgent need for further assistance. The "Hartford Committee of One Hundred on India Famine Relief" has already secured a large number of subscriptions and the proceeds have been promptly forwarded. Further subscriptions are solicited and should be sent to Mr. Atwood Collins, Treasurer, 62 Pearl St., Hartford.

A SUCCESSFUL EDUCATOR.

We take pleasure in calling attention to the career of a self-made man, one who is worthy of mention for his natural gifts, for that quality which New Englanders appreciate, namely, energy, leadership and steadfast persistency. For twenty-seven years Mr. Huntsinger has been a teacher, and has demonstrated his positive character both in his conceptions of training and in his modes of action. Whatever he deems right, that he does regardless of personality or of the consequences. His successful career has repeatedly shown his wisdom in his conclusions, and the advantage his methods have to his graduates.



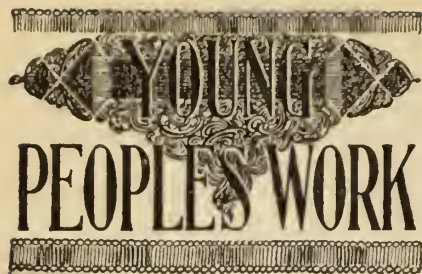
PROF. E. M. HUNTSINGER.

Mr. Huntsinger's reputation as a leading teacher is not confined to Hartford, for there is scarcely a town in the State which does not bear testimony of his ability of training through some one who has been educated at his College. His reputation as a business educator extends over the whole country. Everywhere he is regarded as a leader. His name is a synonym for thorough training, the verdict of the business educators and of thousands of graduates who occupy responsible positions through his training.

A teacher's ability is safely measured by his patronage, and on that basis Mr. Huntsinger has almost an enviable reputation, for his yearly attendance is nearly 500 pupils.

What is quite as important to young people is the fact that he has placed 605 graduates in paying situations the forty-four months and two weeks ending August 3rd, 1900.

It is one of the strongest arguments and speaks volumes of praise for his methods of training and his business habits. The pupils at Huntsinger's have the advantage of a distinctive Principal who teaches daily and can impart instruction in any branch taught in his school. No teacher can build up a large and successful school like Huntsinger's unless he is master of the whole situation. We feel sure that the readers of "The Review" will read this item with interest.



HARTFORD UNION NOTES.

After the accidents to the German line steamers at Hoboken, that were chartered to take so many Endeavorers to the World's Convention at London, it was almost impossible to secure a passage. A great many were disappointed and failed to reach London till after the convention. Some had sailed before this fire and these reached London in good season, and attended all the sessions of the convention.

The fact that some of our Hartford Endeavorers were able to go in advance assures us some good accounts of the convention. Word has been received from some of these friends that they find the climate all that could be desired, and they find the English people also very glad to welcome this phalanx of the army of Christ.

Just a word more to the treasurers of the Societies of Hartford Union: Our Union treasurer must draw his check for \$80 for state uses before the annual meeting, and there is not now in the treasury one-half that amount.

JUNIOR PROHIBITION LEAGUE.

At the last meeting of the Junior Prohibition League, a committee was appointed to consider the change from the Junior Prohibition League to Young People's Prohibition League, to conform to other leagues that are organized in the state.

A new constitution and by-laws have been examined, and it is possible that at a future meeting they will be adopted, and the name changed as suggested.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR PRAYER MEETING TOPICS.

(From the Presbyterian C. E. Manual.)

August 12.—Zeal.—Luke 16:1-13.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

Zeal makes a way when none appears.

Enthusiasm is a child of faith.

No barriers can withstand whole-heartedness.

Profitable servants are all zealous.

Enthusiasm finds its source in the brain as well as in the heart.

The successful man puts all of himself wherever part of him is.

They who are burning with zeal are the lights of the world.

A pessimist never built anything.

Anything worth doing is worth becoming enthusiastic over.

Energy and enthusiasm are partners that have never failed.

Enthusiasm brings the heart to the help of the hands.

Doing one's duty is the only heroism.

When duty is put first all of life falls into order after it.

God never hides duty from a seeking soul.

August 19.—The Woes of the Drunkard.—Prov. 23:29-35.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

The worst woe of the drunkard is that he is a drunkard.

Self-respect never dwells beneath a drunkard's coat.

The drunkard sells for a dram his divine right to rule himself.

Wine in, wisdom out.

Intemperance means the enthronement of selfishness.

The drunkard finds rags and loses reason.

Every drunkard means a spoiled man.

No soul ever sank in the sea of drink without dragging down another soul.

Every blow at individual manhood is a blow at the state.

He who walks a crooked path helps entangle the footsteps of a coming man.

The drunkard loses friends, but he first loses character.

August 26.—Minister to Christ.—Matt. 25:31-46.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

No Christian service can be slight, for it is all "for Christ."

Work for the church is work for Christ.

We minister to the Master when we serve the masses.

We have the Master's might for the Master's ministry.

We serve Christ when we sacrifice self.

Even the unworthiest is made sacred by the thought that he is Christ's representative.

"Inasmuch" is the motto of the Christian knight.

A cup of cold water may be transformed into water of life.

Better be ambitious to be helpful than to be high.

Brave enduring is counted service by Christ.

Motive may be accepted as ministry.

Jesus knocks at our door whenever a needy one calls.

September 2.—Seek Souls.—Luke 15:1-10.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

Seek souls, find self.

It is better to make men than money. Every deed and word of a Christian may be a life line.

Only the winsome can win souls.

None but the true attract.

We must seek souls with the light of the word.

Godly lives are best preachers.

Soul winners need to learn to speak the word in season, and to withhold the word out of season.

He who seeks souls must kneel much.

Salvation is for the whole man, and all helpers of men are soul savers.

Love for men lifts the life.

The saved are all sent; every convert is commissioned.

September 9.—Our Simple Duty.—Luke 17:7-10.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

Desire and duty become one as we grow in grace.

Duty is simplest to the sincere.

Only the dutiful deserve delight.

The great soul is that which fears not to follow duty anywhere.

Duty is most difficult when we are afraid of it.

Duty is the only possible expression of love.

We are true to God when we are true to duty.

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WOMAN'S WORK NOTES.

To speak of a "School for Little Mothers"—how odd that sounds! Yet the work being accomplished in New York City by the charity so named deserves to be established in every city. An illustrated feature of the September Woman's Home Companion will be an account of how these little mothers are trained.

"The Working Girls' Vacation Society, of New York, has for several years been pursuing its plan of cooperation, and as the result of the earnest endeavors of many women and girls it offers delightful advantages to those wishing a Summer outing. From June until September the houses of the Society are open for guests. At Greens Farms, Conn., is a house presented to the Society and fully furnished by the girl graduates of a school. 'The Lodge,' at Farmington, Conn., is a hospitable dwelling provided by the graduates of another school."

"Every girl, no matter what her station or prospects, should acquire some useful art or profession, should learn to do some one thing so well that it shall have a value in the great world-market, and in her hour of need suffice to make her a bread-winner," writes Margaret E. Sangster, in the August Ladies' Home Journal. "The world has an abundance of mediocre workers, but it can never have a superfluity of those who have added to native endowment discipline and conscientious training."

The World's W. C. T. U. elected Lady Henry Somerset president. A World's Temperance Congress was held in London the second week in June. Lady Henry spoke to an immense crowd at Exeter Hall. Mrs. Lillian M. Stevens gave one of the principal addresses of the Congress. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of London gave a reception to the Congress June 15. Lady

Battersea gave a reception to the delegates; Mr. Cameron, M. P., chaperoned a party to Parliament and a number of social courtesies were extended.

All the political conventions of Illinois have recognized woman in making nominations for the office of trustees of the State University, for which office women have the right to vote. The Republicans nominated for this position Mrs. Carrie Alexander of Belleville, on the recommendation of a group of Republican women which held a convention the day previous.—Woman's Tribune.

"A girl is easier to 'talk to' than a boy; her confidence is easier to win and harder to hold, and most of her troubles will be of her own making. There is so much frivolity, so much light handling of the serious matters of love and life, that she is often as discouraging as she is lovable. Slowly the better nature asserts itself; slowly great ideas germinate and bear fruit. Is there nobody to help her, to reveal to her a knowledge of the grave values of living? This is a time when the minister's wife can counsel and advise."

Enumerating upward of fifty methods by which a girl can work her way through college, a Cornell graduate writes in the August Ladies' Home Journal: "A college education is possible for any one who is determined to have it. It may happen that the prospective student is obliged to stay at home and work several years before entering, but intensified desire brings compensation. It is not advisable, however, to defer entering until every cent necessary for a four years' course has been earned. Many girls perhaps give up the idea of going at all because they cannot go soon after leaving the high school, but nowadays it is not unusual to find in attendance at universities, open during the summer quarter, teachers, well along in the fifties, who in their youth were denied a college education."

The unprofitableness of some of the rush and worry of business life is neatly suggested in the following dialogue, found in one of the papers:

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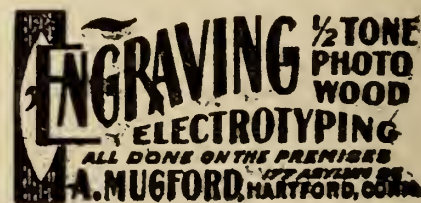
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The following article, taken from the *Etude*, is suggestive and may be helpful:

Expression - study, separate and apart from pieces, ought to form part of the daily practice. Take some etudes, say the first five of Duvernoy, opus 120, and play them in every conceivable way; for instance, the first time through accent on every beat, the second time play legato without the slightest accent, the third time staccato, the fourth time fortissimo throughout, the fifth time pianissimo, the sixth time crescendo from beginning to end, the seventh diminuendo, the eighth crescendo to the middle, diminuendo to the end, then vice versa. Again play through, following the expression marks; after that vary the expression with each repetition. Then play through, accenting some passages, playing others without accent; also with legato, staccato, and all variations of tone-power and touch. Such practice, if persisted in daily, will eventually give the player complete control of the motors of expression, which control will result in a more expressive performance of pieces.

PERLEE V. JERVIS.

Beethoven at eleven had gained renown as a pianist, Haydn's musical ear created a sensation when he was but five, and Paganini's early musical development is also well known. Rubinstein, at the age of eight, appeared in a concert at Moscow, and received an ovation; Cherubini was remarkably musical at six; Rossini, at the age of ten, was in great demand as a solo singer at Pesaro; Franz Schubert gained laurels at the age of eleven as a splendid soprano singer and violinist, while Felix Mendelssohn made his debut at the age of nine, and at eleven he had already written several symphonies and operas. No less precocious was Robert Schumann, who showed great talent at the age of seven, and by his thirteenth year had composed his one hundred and fiftieth song. Franz Liszt gave his first concert at Vienna at the age of eleven, Brahms made a public appearance when but fourteen, Weber composed at the age of twelve, and Chopin's extraordinary talent when very young is well known. This goes to show that real genius in music develops itself at an early age, and that the so-called prodigies do not end their careers in obscurity, as so many are pleased to predict.

ETUDE.

Botanists find great delight in picking flowers to pieces. Others are content to enjoy their beauty and fragrance without dissecting them. So in music. One listener thinks only of the skeleton and form, and gets his enjoyment from that. Most people, however, just absorb it as they do the air and the sunshine. Which is the better way?

Rubinstein was one of the most spontaneous composers, yet he believed that reflection is essential to genius. "A great number of persons," he wrote, "believe that melody comes all at once, and as by surprise, into the head of the composer, however he may feel and whatever may be his occupation for the moment. What a mistake! You must rub the match to make it flame. Just so it is that only when the composer applies musical reflection to his desire to produce a melody the harmonious thought is born which, after being for a long time studied, modified, completed in all its parts, take little by little a definite form."

Mrs. F. W. Smith writes to pupils as follows:

Charity.

Webster gives this definition of charity: "The disposition of heart which inclines men to think favorably of their fellow-men, and to do them good." What a fine motto for us all! Criticisms are all right when made in the right way and with the right spirit, but do not be too prone to criticize; always try to consider circumstances. Speak well of your fellow-teachers and pupils, but if you cannot, don't speak. Would that we could all echo the sentiment of Emerson: "I must feel pride in my friend's accomplishments, as if they were mine, feel as warmly when he is praised as the lover when he hears applause of his engaged maiden. We overestimate the conscience of our friend. His goodness seems better than our goodness, his nature finer, his temptations less. Everything that is his, his name, his form, his dress, books, instruments, fancy enhances. Our own thoughts sound larger from his mouth." The musician who desires success in his line of work must, above all things, be charitable.

Mr. Ernst Pauer says of Haydn:

"He proved the truth of the saying—'Great genius is always prolific.' He was wont to say that if he was called upon to write his own epitaph, he would write it in three words, 'Vixi, Scripsi, dixi,'—'I have lived, I have written, I have said.' What he has written and done for art, the whole world now knows. The tender love he had for and in his labors, is manifest in all his work, so that it is not possible to hear his music with an attentive ear and not love the man who wrote it—a man who always held his gifts as a trust from the Maker of all, and who recognized his own stewardship by inscribing most of his writings, 'To the praise of God.'"

A citizen in Berkshire, while taking orders for groceries in his village, saw a beer-wagon man sell a dozen bottles of beer, and proceeded at once against him in the county court, with the result of a hundred-dollar fine and a fine flutter in license circles of Pittsfield. This shows what a resolute man can do. Our state needs a hundred such citizens. — Exchange.

MISSIONARY NOTES

The Ecumenical Congress of Temperance Workers, met in London, Eng., June 9 to 19, at the invitation of the Archbishop of Canterbury. The general committee in charge of the details of the Congress represented forty-four National Societies of Great Britain. In all ninety-five societies had appointed delegates to attend. The cause of temperance is making notable advances in England.—Christian Intelligence.

Rev. A. H. Gjevre of Fertile, Minn., has accepted the call extended to him by "The Zion Mission Society," to become a missionary among the Jews of New York, and intends to enter upon his new work next fall. May the blessing of God accompany him and make his work in the new field productive of much good to the kingdom of God.—Christian Youth.

Christian children on the Hawaiian Islands have collected \$10,000 with which to begin a mission on Mindanao, one of the Philippine Islands. It is not so very long since Hawaii was populated by heathen cannibals. Notice here the progress of the kingdom of God. The heathen of yesterday is a missionary to-day. The kingdom of God is indeed like a mustard seed, insignificant in its beginning, yet magnificent and glorious in its development.—Selected.

Ours; whether of our own church or not, are they not all ours, in this time of great solicitude? We can but pray that He for whom they labor may be with the dear missionaries when they are beleaguered with peril. Lord Salisbury's speech in England the other day, if correctly reported, shows a lack of sympathy with foreign missions, and a lack of comprehension of their scope and purpose which are sadly unworthy of a statesman, in this era of Christian civilization. One is grieved to hear a man whose breadth should be greater and whose heart should be larger, cautioning the missionaries against overzeal, and implying that their lack of discretion precipitates foreign wars. Even yet, as in Paul's day, the world is adverse to the cross, and there is scant understanding on its part of the efforts made to save it.—Christian Intelligence.

The bottle of wine was supplanted by the Japanese custom at the launching of the steel towing schooner *Bryn Mawr* at South Chicago on June 12. Miss Elizabeth M. Utley named the ship, and as it started down the ways she opened a cage containing four white doves, which flew away. This custom will be observed with all the boats of the Carnegie fleet. — Union Signal.

There is many an "old maid" school teacher who will outshine a whole succession of admirals, when "the books" are opened. There is many a frontier circuit rider whose shoe latches many a bishop is not worthy to unlatch. There is many a proud church steeple that in the eve of God is out of sight below the poke bonnet of some slum lassie of the Salvation Army or the Volunteers.—John G. Woolley.

Only when we serve God in His way can we know the full joy of service.



DRINKS.

Water is classed as a food, but undergoes no digestion. It is absorbed as it is taken, and is thrown off unchanged; but its presence is absolutely necessary in the economy, where it plays an important part. More than half of our bulk is water; and we are constantly losing large quantities and demanding new supplies. It is the great solvent or vehicle of the solid food, and is requisite for all the secretions and fluids of the body. From two to four pints are taken by each of us daily, partly as drink and partly in food; and the one rule is that it be taken pure. It must come from unpolluted sources, through untainted pipes, into clean dishes. No one can be too pedantically careful in securing a supply of fresh water, unsoiled by hurtful gases and germs in the air, or by organic impurities in the soil. Well water contaminated by soakage through the ground from leaking drains and cess-pools forms a perennial source of disease and death; and neglect to look after this in time is feebly fought against by boiling and filtering after some mischief is done.

The purest water is rain-water at a distance from towns, or distilled water; but these are insipid for drinking and not so agreeable as spring or well water, which has become charged with salts and gases in its passage through the soil. River water is apt to be much spoiled by the presence of decomposing organic material allowed to pass into it and by the refuse of works or towns upon the banks; and the best supplies of water on a large scale for drinking are got from lakes among granite mountains with their attendant insoluble soil. Hard water, which contains much lime, though disagreeable to wash with, is not necessarily deleterious in its effects when drunk, except upon special constitutions. It is a mistake to limit the amount of water taken at any time to satisfy natural thirst.

Though water is the only drink which man requires, all nations seem instinctively to use beverages of some kind. Leaving out of account altogether such drinks as oatmeal and water, barley water, sugar and water, and skim milk, which are simply foods—and very good foods—and also aerated waters flavored with lemon, or ginger, or something of that sort, which are practically plain water, there are two beverages which are of pre-eminent importance; viz., alcohol and tea. Their wide-spread, in fact nearly universal, use would seem to indicate that they supply a want and satisfy a human need; and great caution must be exercised in case assertions are made beyond the warrant of experience and scientific proof. The medical aspect of the subject—the employment of them in disease—does not concern us here; we have only to consider their use in health. And, further, the abuse of them need not be spoken of except incidentally, for even the most habitual drunkard and the most dyspeptic tea-drinker will be the first to condemn

their own conduct. The inevitable sickness after taking a table spoonful of salt has no bearing upon the usefulness of a pinch of salt at dinner. Intemperate discussion weakens the effect of the powerful moral arguments for total abstinence from alcohol, derived from the frightful social misery often so terribly brought about by over indulgence.

Alcohol is not a liquid strength, which can be poured down the throat. It is merely a spur to the strength within us. Children should not taste it. When the proportion of alcohol in the blood is considerable, action is increased, and tells both outwardly and inwardly: outwardly because the impaired combustion leads to accumulation of fat and therefore to corpulence; inwardly because there is partial conversion of the muscles, including the muscle of the heart, into fat, producing weakness of the limbs and circulation, with shortening of the life.

When taken along with over abundant food, it produces other disturbances. A high diet contains much meat and a considerable amount of alcohol; a low diet is chiefly vegetarian without alcohol. One characteristic of a highly fed race seems to be mental capacity or brain power; but unfortunately high feeding brings the risk of gout and many troubles and does not ensure brain, and this peculiarity is handed down to the children with other bodily weaknesses and infirmities.

Let us see what strong drinks, like brandy, whisky, or gin, do to the food. Throughout the whole course, in mouth, stomach, and intestine, they retard the solvent action of the different digestive ferments. But, while this is very marked in the case of the saliva, it is only slight in the case of the gastric juice.

The stronger wines hinder the action of saliva upon starch much more than spirits, and this is due to their acidity; acid fruits and vinegar in pickles and salads have the same effect. A similar inhibitory result is produced in the stomach, and when present in the proportion of 30 per cent., say a little more than half a pint of sherry at dinner, they stop peptic digestion altogether. If a pint of lighter kinds of wine, such as claret, hock, or champagne, be used at dinner, it produces decided retarding; but sparkling wines are less hindering than still ones, probably because, like effervescing waters or brisk beer, the escaping gas helps to stir up the food in the stomach.

Malt liquors act just like wines on digestion; and, as they are used freely, if used at all, the amount in the stomach at a meal must often be in the proportion of 50 per cent. Aerated waters act in the same way from the presence of carbonic acid, unless they contain some alkali, as in soda, potash, and Seltzer waters, when the acid is neutralized.

When absorbed, alcohol accelerates the circulation and dilates the blood-vessels, as is seen in the flush of the face. The brain with other internal organs thus gets more blood, and so thought may be easier and action more ready; but this is merely temporary, and when the amount is larger, a narcotic and paralyzing effect begins to be noticed. The person becomes a child, and then a beast. Persistent excess means certain disease; the liver, kidneys, and brain are wrecked; and there may be an untimely death. Intemper-

ance is a dear pleasure; the price is misery. While there are endless causes for the beginning of the habit, bad cooking, bad company, bad air, petty worry, grief, heavy shame, cold and want, there is but one end, and that is disease. Total abstinence increases the chances of a long life. A man who becomes confirmedly intemperate at twenty, shortens his life by thirty years, and he who starts on that course at thirty, shortens his life by twenty-two years; but it must not be forgotten, when judging the statistics which yield such evidence, that strong, healthy people, who are in any case likely to live long, may not feel the need of stimulants, and are therefore apt to be among the abstainers.

Alcoholic drinks do most harm when taken on an empty stomach, and least when with food. They are usually employed at dinner and between the last meal and bed-time, and this is in accordance with one physiological effect, the production of lethargy and sleep. They are bad when more work has to be done, impairing the capacity for prolonged exertion.—C. Fred. Pollock, M. D., in *The Chautauguan*.

TEMPERANCE NOTES.

It seems that twenty-nine counties in Virginia are without saloons.

Chaplain Wells, of the First Volunteer Regiment, describes the government transports on which he went to the Philippines, and returned as floating rumshops. He says, "I never saw so much liquor on a Mississippi steamboat, and I have traveled on many." No wonder it is reported that these same transports are bringing hundreds of insane soldiers home.

It has been told me that thou hast forsaken books and devoted thyself to sensuality; that thou goest from tavern to tavern, smelling of beer at eventide. If beer gets into thee it overcomes thy mind; thou art like an oar started from its place; like a house without food, with shaky walls. If thou wieldest the rod of office, men run away from thee. Thou knowest that wine is an abomination; thou hast taken an oath concerning strong drink, that thou wouldst not put such into thee. Hast thou forgotten thine oath?—Egyptian priest and tutor to his young pupil nearly 4,000 years ago. Hieratic Papyri, Letter XI.

In some of the prohibition towns of Manitoba there is a law providing that if a wife or other relative proves that any man is drinking, either to his own injury or against the fortunes of his family, his name is printed and hung in every place where intoxicants are sold, and heavy penalties attach to anyone who gives or sells him drink.

Taunton, Mass., rejoices over a new record of arrests for violations of the liquor law. In May, 1899, there were 92 arrests for drunkenness, and in May, 1900, only 31, of whom nine got their liquor out of town, one had an overdose of cider or native wine, and one more drank alcohol and water. The number arrested in April, under license, was 107. The streets under no-license are more free from drunkenness than for seven years. All honor to Chief Babbitt and the city government. — Selected.

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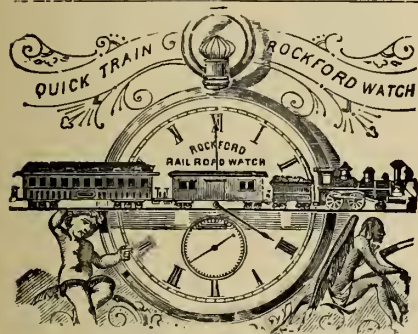
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"Volcanic Scenery of the Northwest" is the subject of an article by Robert E. Strahorn, in the Review of Reviews for August. Mr. Strahorn describes the Snake River Lava Plain and its scenic wonders, extending for a thousand miles in our far Northwest.

The Cosmopolitan's August number contains an elaborately illustrated article on "The Paris Exposition" by Wm. T. Stead.

Ainslee's Magazine for August contains two very well written articles of much local interest. One is on "Mark Twain on the Lecture Platform." The other is called "Gillette, Actor and Playwright."

The first issue of "The Boy Savers' Series," entitled "Organizers and Their First Steps," by the Rev. George E. Quin, S. J., has come to us. The author is a Jesuit priest, but this work of his is something for the consideration of every Christian worker and thinker, whatever his individual creed may be. The author speaks from large experience. He speaks of boys, their faults, their virtues; how to reach and teach them, how to make them of value to the worker, to themselves, and to the world. The book is eminently practical, and no one who has the least interest in boys can fail to get good from it. It is published by The Sacred Heart Library, New York City, at twenty-five cents.

Paris As It Is. By Katharine De Forest. 288 pages, 12 mo. New York: Doubleday, Page & Co. Price \$1.25.

Miss De Forest has written for those who wish to get "on the inside" of modern Parisian life. The book is a sort of extension of the guide-books, giving, with much verve and entire intimacy, an account of the people, home life and places of interest—the museums, art galleries, shops, fashions, political life, etc. It is just the sort of information that a clever friend residing in Paris could supply—in dispensable to a full understanding and enjoyment of the French capital (whether during the great Exposition or afterward), but hitherto not attainable by a visitor until after a long stay. We reproduce from the book a picture of the bridge of Notre-Dame.

Currita, Countess of Alborno. A Novel of Madrid Society. By Luis Coloma. Translated from the Spanish by Estelle Huyck Attwell. 450

pages, 12 mo. Boston: Little, Brown & Company. Price \$1.50.

This remarkable novel, the work of a Jesuit priest, has had a great success in Spain, and perhaps deserves an equally great one here. It is brilliant and powerful, and treats of the corruption of Madrid society and its follies, with a sharp and caustic pen, directed with keen insight into the forces which mould all social life.

The Unknown. By Camille Flammarion. 450 pages, 8 mo. New York: Harper & Bros. Price \$2.00.

The publication of "The Unknown" created a sensation in France, and can scarcely fail to arouse the greatest interest in this country. It is an eminent scientist's study of the phenomena of the so-called spirit world. In touching upon the various psychical manifestations, M. Flammarion cites many absolutely authenticated instances, and chapters of his book are as weirdly fascinating as the most fantastic of Poe's tales. The author asserts practically that he has scientifically proven immortality.



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Sophia. An Historical Romance. By Stanley J. Weyman. 345 pages, 12 mo. New York: Longmans, Green & Co. Price \$1.50.

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Poverty Knob. By Sarah Warner Brooks. 207 pages, 16 mo. New York: A. Wessels Company.

"Poverty Knob" is the opening story in this collection of seven tales of New England fisher-folk. The ground has been gone over very often, but a gifted writer always finds something new and pleasing to readers in writing of these sailors, their lives, their wives, their sweethearts.

Some time ago we reviewed "My Fire Opal" by this author. Readers of the earlier book will know the pleasure they may expect to derive from

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The Redemption of David Corson. By Charles Frederic Goss. 418 pages, 12 mo. Indianapolis: The Bowen-Merrill Company. Price \$1.50.

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Some Fruits of Solitude. By William Penn. 170 pages, 32 mo. New York: Truslove, Hanson & Comba. Price \$1.00.

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Dol Shackfield. By Heber K. Daniels. 288 pages, 12 mo. New York: Home Publishing Co. Price \$1.25.

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The Son of the Wolf. By Jack London. Crown 8 vo. 251 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price \$1.50.

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A Short History of Monks and Monasteries. By Alfred Wesley Wishart.

454 pages, large 8 vo. Trenton, N. J. Albert Brandt, Publisher. Price \$3.50.

This is a beautifully printed, tastefully bound, and most artistically designed work on the history of monasticism. The text begins with a description of monasticism in the East, continues with an account of its spread Westward. Accounts are given of the origin and growth of the Jesuits, Dominicans, Benedictines and the Merdican Friars.

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White Butterflies. By Kate Upson Clark. 283 pages, 12 mo. New York: J. F. Taylor & Co. Price \$1.25.

There are thirteen short stories of distinct merit and originality in this volume. The opening story is "White Butterflies." The other titles are "Raldy," "The Charcoal Burners," "Cupid and Minerva," "The Case of Parson Hewlett," "For Looly," "Tomlin Dresser's Disappearance," "Daffodils," "Solly," "Tid's Wife," "Ye Christmas Witch," "Direxia" and "Lyddy Washburn's Courtship."

Smiles Yoked With Sighs. By Robert J. Burdette. 180 pages, 12 mo. Indianapolis, Ind.: The Bowen-Merrill Co. Price \$1.50.

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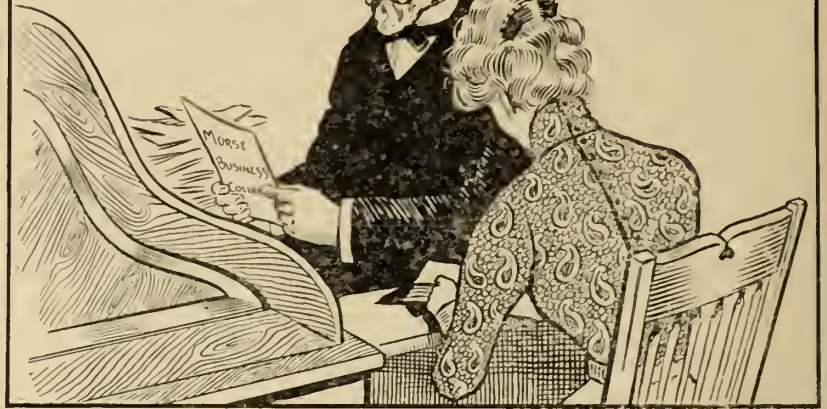
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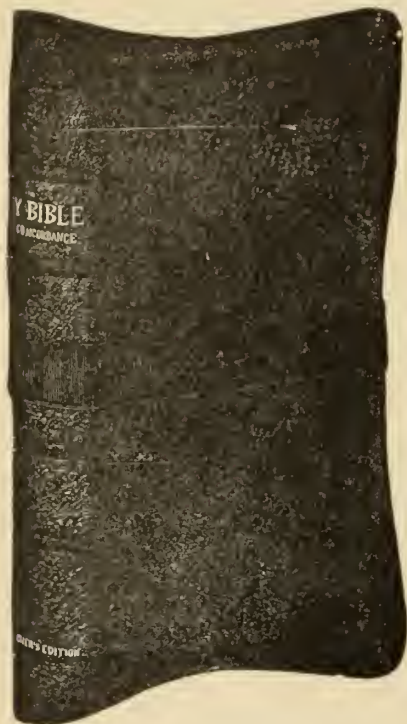
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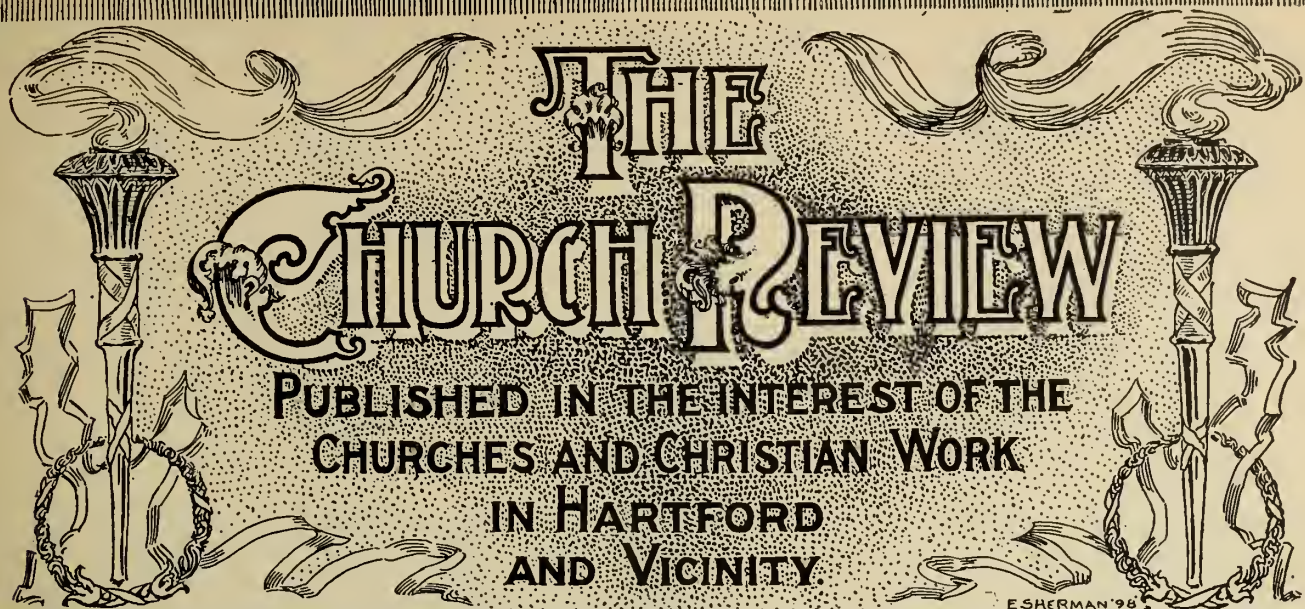
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WHERE NO NIGHT IS.

Perhaps, some summer night of beauty
rare,
When roses fill with fragrance all the
air,
And fleecy clouds go sailing silent by,
Above the quiet chamber where I lie,
I shall steal softly out, and leave for
aye
This earth-worn garment to its kindred
clay.

Somewhere in that dear home, "not
made with hands,"
I'll find, a perfect whole, earth's
broken bands,
Those dear old friends that made this
life so sweet,
And once again the old-time faces
greet,
And on those dear loved faces not a
trace
Of care or pain or grief shall find a
place.

Perchance among the friends long
gone before,
The dearest one of all, best loved of
yore,
Will haste to meet me, and with fond
caress
And loving greeting hand to hand will
press,
And lead me to a mansion grand and
fair,
Where no night is,—God's glory every-
where.

—Mrs. M. M. Hill in The Sunday
School Times.

AFTER VACATION.

By Rev. Frank Dixon.

Every sweet-spirited person, or every person who wanted to be sweet-spirited, has taken a vacation, provided circumstances permitted. The croaker who whines about the devil's never taking a vacation is happy because there are so many opportunities just now for being miserable over the good fortune of others. It seems never to have occurred to this misanthrope that the devil is devil largely because he refuses to take a vacation. How much better the whole world would be if the

devil would only take a vacation, the longer, the better! The conclusion is inevitable, they that can take a vacation and will not, are of their father, the —. I say that, ill-natured as it sounds, for the delectation of the constitutional croaker. He is happy only as you furnish him material for carping. Let him munch that bone.

What is the situation that confronts us upon our return from the summer vacation, and what practical measures suggest themselves for bringing the life of the churches, and of the societies within the churches, into working order again? The situation itself has encouragement in it, both for pastor and people. Congregations have been scattered and work suspended, but there has been no disintegration. When we were younger, we thought differently, but when we became men we put away childish things. Rest means growth, rather than decline. We return to work with minds, souls and bodies born again, and born from above, if vacation has been wisely spent. The problems of the past have solved themselves, while we withdrew ourselves from them, and left them to work out their own destiny. Vexations have vanished, difficulties have dissolved into "impalpable air," and we come with fresh minds, vigorous bodies and buoyant souls to take up again the threads of duty. We bring with us a reserve of hope and energy which we shall need before the end of another year. The peril is that we shall dissipate it in impossible and unfruitful enterprises. What are the young people of the churches aiming to do after the summer suspension? There may have been no formal discontinuance of meetings, but all know that it has been impossible to attempt much. The societies have done little more than hold together.

One or two commonplace suggestions, annually opportune, may prove helpful:

1. Report yourself to pastor and church at regular services, for duty. Don't wait to be hunted up and brought round by some one else, but help the pastor and church officers hunt up others and bring them into line.

2. If you have hitherto regarded the young people's society as an organization for your entertainment, refusing to attend unless others made the meetings interesting and helpful, confess with humility your genuine unworthiness, and resolve by Christ's help to be something other than a drone.

3. If you have thought that you were a sincere Endeavorer because you attended the meetings and "kept the pledge" by taking "some part other than singing," get rid of that notion as you would flee from a plague. Such religion is no better than a case of smallpox. You are not a disciple of Jesus Christ, unless you are constantly doing what he did, seeking by personal conversation, to win others to faith in God and the practice of Christ's love. Understand that as there is no wind without atmosphere in motion, there can be no Christianity without the patient, persistent, intelligent effort to impart the blessings of Christ to others who may be willing to listen to your testimony. It is all nonsense to talk about "speaking a word to others as opportunity offers"; a disciple who wants to speak the word,—and no one can be a disciple without such desire,—will make a score of opportunities while you wait for a "providential opening." If your religion is that of Jesus Christ, you will be possessed of an imperious desire to impart it. If you make no attempt, the community draws its conclusion, and it is a correct one. Call it evangelism, if you like the word, or anything else, provided you do not obscure the reality. Jesus Christ was a propagandist, and He has no disciple who is anything else. There is no substitute in heaven or earth for the personal work Christ demands of His follower. Feel ashamed, then, if you attend an Endeavor meeting without having used your influence to bring an unsaved soul there, or to lead that soul, whether there, or elsewhere, into the knowledge of Christ. Feel a deeper shame, if you play the coward and refuse to attend the meeting because you have been false to your Lord. Realize what an utter farce is enacted every Sunday by those who undertake to do whatever Christ would have them do, and yet

speak not one direct word to save an immortal soul, in the course of a whole week. The social meetings, the praise services, the quiet hours,—all the activities of the Endeavor society are significant only as they promote the spirit of personal soul-winning. I disparage nothing: I seek simply to give truths their proper setting. No one condemns spasmodic, emotional evangelism more emphatically than I, but none would lay a stronger emphasis upon the value of an intelligent and persistent effort to bring the whole community into vital touch with Jesus Christ. This can only be done by the hand-to-hand work of all the men and women who constitute the church of Christ. I shall attempt to say nothing further. I think nothing further needs to be said. Begin the work of the year by bringing a soul to Christ,—end the year by doing the same thing.

PARK SYSTEM OF HARTFORD.

By Theodore Wirth.

The demand for parks and playgrounds throughout the country has been so strong and popular for the last ten or fifteen years, that today there is hardly a city in the Union that has not some progress to show in that line of municipal development. More than that, this movement for the creation of recreation grounds, has also spread to the country and numerous societies have been formed to improve the small public squares, which are to be found in almost all small towns and villages. The rapidity with which the demand has been met, and the progress which has been made in the creation and development of parks and playgrounds in all parts of the country, is simply astonishing and certainly very gratifying to all those who take an interest in that work.

That the beautiful Capitol City of Connecticut has kept step with the movement need hardly be said. Hartford today stands in at least some respects at the very head of the most progressive cities. It has, for instance, today one acre of park land to every seventy of its inhabitants, which is a larger area per capita than that of any other city in the United States. Twelve hundred acres of parks for a city of 80,000 inhabitants seems almost too much of a good thing, but if such a territory is properly divided according to the wants and the expected growth of the city, it will be found that provision has not been made on too extravagant a scale. If Hartford keeps on growing at the same ratio as that of the last 20 years, in which period it has actually doubled its population; little fear need be felt, that the city is overburdening itself with too extensive a park system. On the contrary, a glance at the city map, showing the location and the size of the different park areas will convince the careful observer that not only is the city justified in setting apart those lands for the general use of its people, and in incurring the necessary outlay of the taxpayers' money; but it will also show that in the layout of the whole system, in the division and the location of the different territories, the authorities in charge have been extremely wise, thoughtful and successful.

A more complete, satisfactory and promising system could hardly have

been conceived, both in its practical arrangement and layout, and in the adaptability, fitness and natural characteristics of the different territories selected for the purpose. Another most noteworthy fact of the Hartford parks is that fully 70 per cent. of all the park lands are gifts to the city by

poses and was by no means what one would call a park today. The population of Hartford at the time was about 20,000, and when the Rev. Horace Bushnell came forward and advocated with all his might the purchase, the reservation and improvement of the lands which form today our beautiful Bushnell park, his proposition met with considerable opposition. A great many people thought Hartford had a park in its South Green and could not conceive the need of a larger territory for such purposes. What would those people say today if they could return and see Bushnell park in its present development and beauty, and how astonished would they be to learn of the growth of the city and its present extensive park system.

Bushnell park is dear to every citizen of Hartford and well may he be proud of it. Its attractions are many, and centrally located as it is, in the very heart of the city, it is daily traversed and visited by a large number of Hartford residents. All enjoy the beautiful lawns and stately trees of various and numerous kinds. The pond with the water plants and flowers along the shores; the fishes, turtles and mammoth frogs, etc., is an especially attractive spot for the children and older people and mothers with their little ones take pleasure in watching the attractions from the seats provided for their comfort under the shade trees near by.

Bushnell park is, from a historical point of view, different from almost any other park in the country. It has not only the distinction of being one of the oldest parks in the country, its creation being contemplated and undertaken at about the same time that Central park in New York was laid out, but in addition to this it differs from the later and most other parks of that period in that at the time of its birth its present territory did not consist of unoccupied land, nor was it especially adapted through natural beauty for the purpose for which it was selected. On the contrary, where our beautiful park now is, there used to be dwellings, shops, commercial places of all kinds, a railroad depot, freight yards, etc. It was certainly a gigantic undertaking for a city of only about 20,000 inhabitants, and a great and farseeing spirit that led the advocates of the plan and the authorities to their wonderful success. No one at that time anticipated the wonderful growth of the city in the last 20 years and the supposition that Hartford would have enough parks for all time was only natural! The demand and necessity for more parks, however, became quite evident some ten years ago, and it has been met with the same spirit and forethought. Many leading citizens have been identified with the movement with a desire to create a park system large enough for all time to come. It has also received the same liberal support from the authorities and citizens in general; which characterized that first undertaking of its kind back in the fifties.

Who can have the least doubt today as to the ultimate success and the inestimable benefit which the new park system will prove to be for the welfare of the people of our city?

Riverside park is one of the five new large parks which undoubtedly has given the most satisfaction, pleasure and benefit in the short period of



"INDIAN MAIDENS,"

CORNING FOUNTAIN.

private citizens, viz: Keney park, Elizabeth park and the larger part of Pope park.

Some fifty years ago the only piece of land set aside for the common use of the public was a triangular tract, known today as Barnard park, (South Green).

It was used at that time for all pur-

its existence, to the people most in need of such a breathing spot.

This park, it may be said, is the most needed of all, and its establishment and existence today is a God-send to thousands of people, old and young, who live in the congested northeastern part of the city. Yet a large section of Riverside park is today unchanged in its natural conditions, in fact the most beautiful features of the park, viz: the beautiful groves, woody river shores, and extensive meadows are features which have been in existence there long before even Bushnell park was thought of. But what were the grounds used for? They were a place of rendezvous for the lowest characters to be found in the community. It was the retreat from the watchful eyes of the police for vagabonds, drunkards,

gratifying results have been achieved, which ten-fold outweigh the value of money expended in the improvements. Riverside park consists of about 70 acres. The tract lies between the newly built Water street and the Connecticut river. The southern section of the park required an immense amount of filling as did also the building of the wading pool, and the new location of Water street, and all in all over 100,000 cubic yards of materials have been used in bringing the ground up to the desired grades. It will take a large amount of labor, time and money to perfect the whole of Riverside park to what it is intended to be, but when once completed it will afford all the playgrounds for all kinds of games, that Hartford will ever need, and for that reason it will be the park of the

aside, and we knew that Frances Willard had gone home.

The hush of the death chamber seemed to fill the world, for one had gone forth who had left a place none other could fill; and every woman in our great society knew that day that she had lost a faithful comrade, that the world had lost a Christian patriot, a worker for noble causes, a woman of marvelous energy, of clear and magnetic speech, of broad outlook and of consecrated spirit; and sadness and pain filled the hearts of women in distant lands who had never looked into her face, never touched her hand, never came into that inspiring presence, but who had known her, and loved her and trusted her, because her spirit was diffused wherever—by the work of women—humanity was up-



THE WADING POOL, RIVERSIDE PARK.

criminals and prostitutes. No self-respecting person would care to have been seen in that neighborhood and for young people and children the field was dangerous. But all that has changed. Those low elements have been driven out and the land redeemed for a purpose akin to noble, unselfish, progressive humanity. Thousands of people of all ages and both sexes enjoy now what nature has provided for them; they get the fresh air, they admire the beauty of the river as it spreads before them in its silvery reflection, between the irregular woody shores; and down in the shady groves mothers with their babies are happy and contented, and the children at play in the wading pool, at the swings, May poles, sandboxes, etc., are the most animating feature of this lifelike picture. This shows that within the short time of three or four years, very

people, more than any other park in the system.

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FRANCES E. WILLARD.

(Extracts from an address given by Lady Henry Somerset at the Memorial Service of the Fifth Biennial Convention of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union, at the Free Assembly Hall, Edinburgh, on June 23, 1900.)

How vividly we realize that there was a winter morning, a little more than two years ago, when a solemn hush came to women the world over, when tears stood in the eyes of men unused to emotion, and when to many hearts there came that—

"Silence that ached round us," when the human voice we loved so well was still, the busy pen was laid

lifted.

And now, two years afterwards, we gather here, and to all has come a sense of bereavement, of desolation. The exhilaration of her marvelous presence is most missed, of course, by those who realized what it meant to such gatherings as these; but to each one, as the name of Frances Willard is a household word, so her absence means personal loss.

Let this gathering be to us not only a time when we meet face to face, plan for wider work and stronger organization; but let it be to us a day when we conceive new and higher ideals in life, when we realize more vividly that our work here is but a part of the endless life-work that God will give us, and that only as we prepare ourselves for that wider service shall we be able to enter into the full joy of our Lord, and understand what He has for us in the

higher standard of the school of life. And in these few moments in which we pause in order to tell her how much we love her and trust her and believe in her, for she is not really absent, I think that the best blessing that will come to us is to learn the lesson that her radiant life has taught us.

I have seen her again and again come into the presence of people, who, superficially, one would say were dwarfed and stunted and worldly, and in a few moments you would realize that the individual had caught sight of something he had not, perhaps, seen before; it was not anything she had said, it was no startling proposition that she had laid down, but it was just as though a light had come into a dark room and suddenly had illuminated that which was there all the time, but which had not been perceived. There was an absolute trust that they would understand the best, that they could not fail to see it, that their motive was the same as hers, that they, too, were looking upward and not down, onward and not back. So they found themselves gazing into that which they had never seen, an opening of that which they had never believed in; they had come for a moment within the laws of the kingdom of heaven.

And then she had the wonderful art of praise. I have heard her blamed for praising too much, but I think it was a divine instinct in her that made her understand that the human heart is far more apt to be self-depreciating than really proud, that the most boastful people are sometimes at bottom the most uncertain of themselves, and that they put, as it were, all their wares in the window, because they realize that there is nothing behind.

But, perhaps, the most Christ-like characteristic of Francis Willard was her power of forgiveness. I know of no one who felt more acutely the bitterness of ingratitude, the heart-ache of a slight, or the stab of an enemy, than she. I have often seen her lip quiver as she read a letter, and her hand tremble, and I have realized how profoundly the human pain and disappointment entered her soul; and yet, after a moment's struggle, she would look up and say: "I want to feel as if I were ready to put a kiss upon her forehead, and when I know I can, then I shall feel that I am able to act." It was the Christ instinct that she had, to attain to absolute forgiveness, to find the right relations between herself and the one who had injured her before she could truly bring her gifts to the altar of God's service; and over and over again I have known her to devise some little way, by which she could go out of her routine of life, or make herself some extra trouble to say or write the word, or to the act, that would make the one who had injured her feel that all was as though it had not been. It was the most perfect instance I have ever met, of a rule of love governing and guiding conduct. And yet, all the while, it was from no altitude, no crushed out human feeling, that she acted. I can see her now put up her face, and looking up, say: "Why did she do it!" just as a child cries when it has been harshly treated, and it was this absolute harmony between the human and the heavenly in her that made her—

"A creature not too good
For human nature's daily food,"
and kept that beautiful balance which
is God's intention, for the same divine
Spirit made Christ all man and all
God.

COULDN'T SAY "NO."

Everybody knows the man who is careful never to say "No" abruptly in answer to a question. "No" is a hard word, but one may sometimes be made ridiculous by a reluctance to utter it.

A certain man who had this habit was once met by two ladies who had been discussing this peculiarity, and one of them said that she was positive she could make him say, "O no," flatly. So she addressed him thus:

"Let me see, Mr. Smith, you are a widower, are you not?"

"As much a widower, madam," he answered, with a polite inclination of his head, "as it is possible for a man to be who has never married."—[Christian Endeavor World.]

NOT POWER, BUT PURPOSE.

"There lives not a man on earth outside of a lunatic asylum," says Sir Edward Bulwer-Lytton, "who has not in him the power to do good. Have you ever entered a cottage, ever traveled in a coach, ever talked with a peasant in the field, or loitered with a mechanic at the loom, and not found that each of those men had a talent you had not? The most useless creature that ever yawned at a club, or counted vermin on his rags under the suns of Calabria, has no excuse for want of intellect. What men want is not talent, it is purpose; in other words, not the power to achieve, but the will to labor."

TEMPERANCE NOTES.

"The British colonial secretary declares that it is the intention of the government to discourage the drink traffic in the colonies, 'as it ultimately destroys all trade by destroying the population.' Even the man who looks at things through the bung-hole of a whiskey barrel ought to catch that point. The whiskey traffic is a deadly parasite on every legitimate trade."

Alcohol is not a food for an athlete, and if not for an athlete then not for any one. It hardens the tissues of the body, and that is not desirable; besides it hardens the liver at the same time. When the question arises between a man and alcohol the safe side—for the alcohol—is the outside. Medicinally, it may have its place, but its use is not to be commended, either as a beverage or a food.—June Ladies' Home Journal.

Dr. Crane said in his address at the Indianapolis Epworth League convention: "The saloon is buttressed by the law, and when it is not the law is nullified by practical politics. * * * From a village in my native state of Illinois seventeen young men went to the Spanish war; one returned a corpse, sixteen returned confirmed drunkards. * * * The canteen, which works such wreck and ruin, was abolished by Congress. That righteous act is nullified by a creature of the President. Conferences, synods, assemblies and bishops have appealed

to the President to execute this righteous law. To all our prayers, petitions and letters 'William the Silent' makes no reply."

When liquor men fall out it is time for temperance people to agree. French wine-producers are so jealous of California wines that the commissioners at the Paris Exposition want to withhold medals, on the technical ground that the wines have been labelled with familiar French brands. The poison that is in the wine seems, somehow, to get into the hearts of all that have anything to do with it. We can well spare the French medals, if that will help to discourage wine-producing in this country—C. E. World.

A citizens' movement, non-political and undenominational, has been organized and is extending into all parts of New Jersey, to secure by local option the regulation of the saloon. This is in no wise a party movement, but a plan in aid of good citizenship. It is not a movement to regulate the issuing of liquor licenses by the vote of the state or county, but to settle the question by the majority vote in each city, town, township, borough or village. It aims to bring the question directly home to the voters of every community, and give them the legal right to decide whether there shall be saloons or not. The bill represents the home rule principle pure and simple, for each community, on the license question.—Christian Intelligencer.

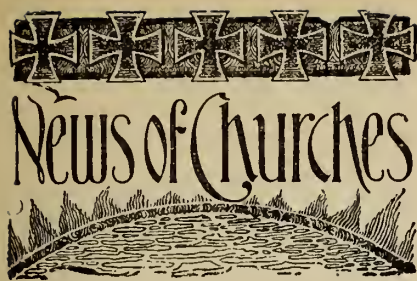
We are becoming a more temperate people. This is the reassuring fact announced by a sub-committee of "The Committee of Fifty," as the result of its investigation into certain economic phases of the liquor problem. This Committee of Fifty, it may be well to explain, is a company of gentlemen comprising clergymen, lawyers, physicians, university presidents and professors, and business men, who have associated themselves for the purpose of ascertaining and publishing the facts concerning the legislative, economic, physiological and ethical aspects of the problem of intemperance. That fifty representative and busy men should undertake so difficult and exacting a study is significant of a deepening sense of social responsibility.—St. Andrew's Cross.

A gentleman once said to us, "I do not favor prohibiting the sale of liquor; it would be an injustice to the men in the business; besides, it would throw thousands out of employment."

We replied: "You do not look at the issue from the right side. You take a contractor's view."

"Just before the Civil War closed, a Government contractor said, in a car: 'I hope the war will not close under two years. I will lose thousands of dollars; besides, many men will be turned out of employment from the Government works.'"

"A lady passenger, clad in weeds of mourning, rose to her feet, and, with a tearful voice, said: 'Sir, I have a brave boy and husband sleeping the sleep of death in a soldier's cemetery. I have only one boy left, and he is in front of the foe. Oh, God! I wish the cruel war would close now.'"—Selected.



ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL.

Mr. Warner spent the last week in August at Dark Harbor, Maine, visiting his son, W. A. Warner, Yale 1902, who is spending the summer there tutoring two young men.

The last Sunday in August Mr. Peckham, a Berkeley student, read service in Mr. Warner's absence.

The Sunday school will resume sessions the second Sunday in September.

WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

Our pastor, Rev. Mr. Elsdor, has returned from filling the New Britain church pulpit and preached for us last Sunday.

Our church people with the Sunday school had a very enjoyable picnic at White Oak park, August 22.

ST. PAUL'S METHODIST
EPISCOPAL.

The pastor, Rev. Wm. M. Carr, and family, have returned from a very invigorating vacation of a month near the ocean at Wainscott, L. I.

Rev. W. A. Sage, the first pastor of our society, preached very acceptably to our people on Sunday evening, Sept. 2nd. Mr. Sage will be engaged in secretarial work in the Hartford Y. M. C. A. for some time to come.

The new church building is now enclosed and is rapidly approaching completion. The work thus far has been very satisfactory and we will soon have a church home which will be adequate for many years to come.

The Ladies' Aid Society are planning a bazaar to be held this fall.

The pastor and his family were welcomed home with a delightful tea prepared in the parsonage by the ladies of the church.

WARBURTON CHAPEL.

The Sunday school has continued as usual through the summer but with a smaller attendance than last year.

This has been a result of more of the scholars enjoying their school vacation in the country than formerly, together with other local Sunday attractions.

The sand yard and drinking fountain have been very popular and useful. Some of the mothers with babies have been given trolley rides to the country for an outing and fresh air.

All this year some of our children or parents have been in the hospital for treatment. In August there were five, three parents and two children, of these Mrs. Rudolf Hurter died Aug. 29.

Our kindergarten will open Monday, Sept. 10.

OLIVET BAPTIST.

During the month of August the church and C. E. held a union service from 7 to 8 p. m.

Our pastor has returned from his vacation and has again taken up the work.

The C. E. gave a sail August 22 to Cromwell and return by steam yacht "May." There were thirty-three in the party and we had a very enjoyable trip.

The attendance at our meetings is small on account of the hot weather. Many are away on their vacations.

SECOND ADVENT.

All of our members are not yet home from the camp-meetings and vacations, consequently the attendance has been lighter than usual, but soon we hope to again see all returned, ready to improve on all lines.

The Loyal Workers' Society has improved very much financially, sending lately seventeen dollars to the Boston Bible Training school, and also assisting the church to bear the burden of the coal bill.

Sunday afternoon, Aug. 26, a company of ten, including our pastor, who was to preach, went to Long Hill to assist in the services at the Union Chapel. A good sermon made the event, we hope, profitable and pleasant to all.

WINDSOR CONGREGATIONAL.

Our pastor, Rev. Mr. Nelson, returned from his vacation August 28. Rev. Mr. Carey occupied the pulpit Aug. 19th and 26th.

Mr. Linus Snow has returned from his trip in England which he took in company with two Hartford Endeavorers. They attended the London convention and later we hope to have some report of the convention from them.

FARMINGTON AVENUE CON-
GREGATIONAL.

The church and C. E. services were continued through the month of August without any vacation, and the attendance, though much smaller than during the winter season, was of gratifying proportions. The sessions of the Sunday school were resumed September 2nd.

During the absence of the pastor the pulpit has been most acceptably supplied by Dr. Anderson, Dr. Pratt, Dr. Makepeace and Dr. Burnham of St. Louis.

The annual meeting of the Endeavor Society will be held Sept. 12th.

CENTER CONGREGATIONAL.

During the summer repairs have been steadily continuing both on the interior and the outside of the church building and there is a noticeable improvement in its general appearance. It has taken somewhat longer to complete the work than was anticipated at its start and some time yet will elapse before the work is complete.

The church services have been discontinued during the summer.

The new pastor, Rev. Mr. Potter, will be unable to take charge at the time originally intended but will probably be here in October.

NEW BRITAIN AVE. MISSION.

After a change of evening service for the last two months the mission resumed its regular six o'clock meeting Sept. 2nd. The room was very prettily decorated by one of the classes of young ladies and a feeling of "home again" prevailed.

There has scarcely been a summer in the history of the work when the numbers in Sunday school and meetings have been so well kept up.

A week ago, Aug. 26th, another interesting letter was read before the school from India in acknowledgement of money sent by one of the classes.

The work of the young people during the heated season has proved that their interest in the work does not decrease. Our attendance Sept. 2nd at the afternoon session was eighty, and as the teachers return we look for a full school this winter.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

After a month of vacation the Sunday school resumed its sessions on Sunday, Sept. 2nd.

A new carpet has been laid in the chancel.

The regular services on Sunday hereafter at 10:45 a. m. and at 7:45 p. m.

GLENWOOD CONGREGATIONAL.

Mr. Roberts finished the good work he has been doing among us on Thursday, Aug. 30. All the members feel very grateful to him for the help he has been to them.

September 2nd we commemorated the Lord's Supper, our new pastor, Mr. MacGeehan, officiating.

In the morning Mr. MacGeehan's subject was "Faith"; in the evening "Love." Coming as he does for the first as our pastor these were very appropriate subjects. They were delivered with spirit and feeling and showed that he is anxious for us to take these two thoughts as the ruling ones in our lives.

There is no question but that this fall and winter will be very prosperous for us under Mr. MacGeehan's leadership.

After a month's vacation the choir were in their old places Sept. 2nd. This is a feature of our service that is to develop in the future. Our choir leader informs us that he is going to bring our music up to a high standard, and, knowing him as we do, we look for great things in the future from this department of our worship. He would be much pleased for volunteers to help along this good work.

Now that vacations are over we look for a larger attendance in our Sunday school. During the month of August we had a small attendance on account of the extreme heat.

Mr. S. P. Phipps, now of Boston, our clerk for some years, made us a visit September 2. He did not, as is his custom, sing in the choir, which was a disappointment to many. While here he was the guest of Mr. Wilder.

Nearly all of our members have returned from their vacations.

It is with regret that we announce the illness of our former pastor, Mr. Williams. We pray that he may have a speedy recovery.

We hope to reorganize the Christian Endeavor Society this fall and would like to have suggestions from any of

our members in regard to it. All will be invited to join. We believe that one of the best things in the world today is the C. E.

This is the month for active work to be begun by the Federation of Churches. The members of the council can do nothing by themselves and we hope that all our members will respond to any demands that are made upon them by those representing us in this Federation. If there are any that do not understand the principles our Mr. Herbert Hastings will be glad to inform them.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL.

The members of the choir are now absent on their vacations.

The pastor is also on his vacation. During the summer, in the pastor's absence, a reader has occupied the pulpit. Regular preaching services will begin again in a short time.

SOUTH BAPTIST.

During August the Sunday morning preaching service has been discontinued, though the other services have for the most part continued as usual.

The pastor is now on his vacation and will probably return so that regular services will begin on the second Sunday in the month.

The Sunday school services have been well attended considering the extreme heat on many Sundays during the summer. On Labor Day a large number of the members went on a picnic to Rainbow park.

Wm. H. Rhodes recently took a unique and thoroughly enjoyable trip when he travelled from here to New York City almost entirely by trolley. For a short distance only was he obliged to take to a regular train.

SUFFIELD ST. BAPTIST.

Erwin K. Smith, Brown 1902, and a member of our congregation, preached in our pulpit on last Sunday evening. It was a pleasure to welcome him back among us, especially for the fact that he occupied the pulpit.

The election of officers of the Endeavor Society was held on August 10th. The new list of officers shows some changes, among which are: President, Carlton Starbuck; Secretary, Miss Harriet Morse.

Miss Smith of the home church is to take charge of one of our evening meetings some time within a few weeks.

Clyde Smith and Carlton Starbuck returned recently from their bicycle tour of England, Ireland and Scotland, in the course of which they took a side trip to the Paris exposition. They also attended the C. E. convention in London.

NORTH METHODIST.

The pastor, Rev. D. W. Howell, who has been spending his vacation at Obed Heights, with his family, has returned.

Mr. Howard A. Camp, superintendent of Sunday school, has returned from his outing and resumed his labors as superintendent.

Among those who have been away are Miss Lizzie J. Cairns, Miss Annie R. McDonnell, Miss Maud Camp, Miss Bessie Fisher, Miss Annie M. Calnes,

Miss Jessie Claasby, Harold Cleasby, Frank Davoll and Frank H. Waterhouse.

The Sunday school showed a marked improvement last Sunday.

The Sunday morning class meeting is meeting with much success. Mr. Houghmaster is the leader.

The preaching service was resumed last Sunday and will continue during the season, the evening service beginning at half-past seven.

William H. Watrous and wife, who have been traveling in Europe for three months, have returned.

The Rev. Joseph Irons, former pastor, has been ill for some time at his home in Atlanta, Ga., but is now able to attend to business.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The vested choir sang very acceptably during August. Mrs. Kinney presided at the organ.

The reader of the church, Mr. Brenton, conducted the services the last two Sundays in August.

The Rev. C. G. Bristol, rector of the church, conducted the service the first Sunday in September. He and his family returned from Sheffield, Mass., where they have been enjoying their vacation.

A large number of the members of the church have taken their vacations during August. September will bring them home again to the church and its work.

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL.

This church has been closed during the month of August.

The church was re-opened Sunday, Sept. 2, and Dr. Parker preached from II. Cor. 1:3-4, his topic being, "The God of All Comfort."

The members of this congregation who attended the General Conference at Northfield report a delightful time and a spiritual uplift which is as often and as sorely needed by us during the trying summer as is the physical refreshment which we all instinctively seek.

FIRST BAPTIST.

Our Sunday school has adopted a plan this summer of forming the entire school into a single class which is taught by a different teacher each Sunday. It has been found an admirably satisfactory arrangement for summer and it will undoubtedly be followed next season also.

Our pastor started last Monday on his annual vacation which he is spending in New Brunswick. Miss Cora B. Smith, the pastor's assistant, has just returned from her vacation.

Our pulpit supply during the pastor's absence is as follows:

Sept. 2 and 9, Prof. T. H. Pattison of Rochester, N. Y. Sept. 16, Dr. Faunce of Providence, R. I. Sept. 23, Dr. Barbour of Boston. Sept. 30, Dr. Woods of Newton Center. Oct. 7, Dr. Sage of Cincinnati.

It is almost time for the annual "Rally Day," an occasion when the members of our Sunday school are rallied together after the vacation season.

The Entertainment committee of our Young People's Association is arranging for a camping-out party sometime during September. The camp will be

located on the Connecticut river, near Wilson's Station. It is the plan of the entertainment committee to have those who go simply run up after office, and return the next morning to business, thereby having the pleasure of camp life while attending to daily business. The distance between city and camp can be covered by trolley or wheel. The tents will have board floors raised from the ground. Two row boats will be provided. The expense will be nominal, probably not to exceed five or six dollars each, for a period of two weeks. The breakfasts and suppers only will be prepared at the camp.

TRINITY CHURCH.

Rev. Mr. Miel returned to the city and officiated at Trinity church on the first Sunday in September, much to the pleasure of his congregation.

Mr. Fred B. Wright, our secretary, and Mr. E. J. Cleveland, Jr., librarian of the Sunday school, are spending a very pleasant vacation at Camp Tunxis. We trust they will return refreshed and invigorated for their winter's work.

Trinity church Sunday school will open for the winter term Sunday, September 16, at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon, in the chapel. Preparations are being made for a very successful session for the coming winter.

Last year there were 131 new names added to the Sunday school roll, and after deducting transfers and removals, 77 new scholars was the net result.

Offerings for various church and charitable objects amounted to \$357.04. Our rule is never to go backward, and we anticipate an increase in all of these figures for the coming year. We want to enroll at least 50 new scholars on the first Sunday and the old scholars are interesting themselves to see that this will be done.

Our library has been thoroughly overhauled and reorganized on a modern basis. Mr. E. J. Cleveland, Jr., is librarian and has given the library much thought and energetic work during the summer. He assures us that our expectations in this department will be fully realized.

During the winter, occasional talks illustrated by stereopticon pictures will be given. This department is under the management of Mr. Walter A. Mitchell and this fact alone assures us of success. The first illustrated talk will probably be given on Friday, Sept. 28th.

A Cradle Roll is a new feature which will be introduced this year, by which all children of the church under three years of age are enrolled and watched over until they are ready to be entered regularly into the Sunday school.

A full attendance of teachers and scholars is earnestly desired on Sunday, Sept. 16th. Parents are invited to be present at the opening session and those in the parish or neighborhood desiring to enter their children are asked to have them at the chapel on that afternoon.

CITY MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Mr. H. J. Gillette has returned from his vacation and may be found in his office from 9 to 11 a. m. as usual.

The "Ten Cent" lodging house in the basement of the City Mission building has been well patronized during the past month. 198 nights' lodgings

were given, of which all but seven were paid for either in money or work. No drinking is allowed and the hour for closing is 9:30 p. m. The comfort and cleanliness of the place is appreciated by all.

The Morgan Street Mission Sunday school was closed through August, and will not open again till Sept. 16, when the regular officers and teachers will have returned from their vacations.

The children from our Sunday school who were given a vacation in Andover, Conn., have returned in good health, and with many very pleasant memories of their visit.

July 17th the "Courant Fresh Air Fund" provided a picnic to Rainbow park for the children of our sewing school, and girls clubs, together with their mothers and younger brothers and sisters. It proved a most enjoyable day for all.

OPEN HEARTH.

The summer season now nearing its close has been a most satisfactory one at the Open Hearth. Superintendent B. N. B. Miller has labored incessantly speaking at almost every meeting, and the attendance has manifested the interest felt by those who came night after night, and by the evidences given by many of a determination to lead better lives in the future. Many who had through evil courses left home and family have been restored to wife and children, and happiness brought to many households through the work done this summer.

The Gospel Wagon work will be continued until cold weather sets in and the services have been largely attended.

The sand yard has been a constant source of pleasure to the children of the neighborhood and to their mothers as well and many expressions of thankfulness have been given to the superintendent and friends of the work for its establishment. The croquet ground has been fully appreciated by the older children and helps to keep up their interest in the Open Hearth.

The fresh air excursions have been of great good to the children and the mothers as well as the children fell great thankfulness to the kind friends who instituted them.

The flag drill on Thursday evenings gives great delight and the service room is thronged with children marching to music of drum and piano, waving flags, and going through the manual, meantime singing some familiar hymn.

This leads them to realize that Christians are soldiers of Christ, not only in name, but as truly as those fighting in earthly battles. The mothers and fathers are admitted to the side seats while others crowd around the doors and pay strict attention while the superintendent addresses the children and prays for them and their families.

The work of the Open Hearth is constantly increasing and the need of larger and more fitting accommodations is more and more felt. All look forward to a good fall and winter work and feel more and more encouraged in the endeavor to do the work given them to do.

Fine chocolates and bon-bons at the Hartford Candy Kitchen, 224 Asylum St. The best quality of ice cream and ice cream soda.



Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Our physical director, Mr. S. W. Dixon, and Mrs. Dixon, returned Monday September 3d from Fairport, N. Y., where they have been spending their vacation.

During the first week of September the gymnasium and bath rooms were closed and thoroughly cleaned and repaired in preparation for the work of the fall and winter.

The gymnasium opening will take place about the second week in October.

The preliminary meeting of the Hillier Institute will be held Monday evening, October 8th. The first term begins October 15th.

At a recent meeting of the Educational committee plans were made for work of the ensuing year. The classes and teachers will be as follows:

Architectural drawing, F. W. Whitten; free-hand drawing, Herman Matzen; advanced mechanical drawing, Frank Harrington; elementary mechanical drawing, N. P. Work, Harold I. Adams, E. R. Seward; woodwork (boys'), N. P. Work; carpentry, E. E. Hamilton; forging, W. J. Decker; plumbing, Thomas L. Dowling; electricity, Arthur D. Dean; engraving (jewelry), J. W. Horton; arithmetic, Miss Mary L. Linehan; bookkeeping and also penmanship, W. K. Cook; algebra, R. M. Starbuck, Jr.; geometry, Miss Anna H. Andrews; spelling and also English grammar, Mrs. Grace H. Phelps.

Chemistry, physics, Spanish, shorthand and advanced English which appeared in the catalogue last season have been dropped for the present. To compensate for this the committee plans to improve the equipment in some of the other classes.

The Educational Secretary will devote all of his time to the work of Hillier Institute this year. During the past four years he has also been an instructor of manual training in the grammar schools.

Mr. Rudyard Kipling tells a good story of himself. One day, he says, I was sitting in my study, in London, when suddenly a gentleman appeared at the door unannounced, followed by two schoolboys. "Is this Rudyard Kipling?" inquired the gentleman.

"Yes," I answered.

He turned round.

"Boys, this is Rudyard Kipling."

"And is this where you write?" he continued.

"Yes," I replied.

"Boys, this is where he writes."

And before I had time to ask them to take a seat they were gone, boys and all. I suppose they had all literary London to do in that way.—Exchange.

DREAMING ON HIGH C.

Dreams, those most irresponsible things, may yet be controlled. Russell H. Conwell tells how the effect of music has been tried upon people in their sleep. He says:—

It has been proved by an experiment in Germany that by the playing of certain four notes all the people within the sound of those four notes dream the same thing. They do not dream of the same persons, and not exactly of the same associations, but they dream about the same subject-matter, the same thought. For instance, one of the combinations was four notes used together by a single stroke of the hand, played softly at first, and then with increasing power. All the people within hearing who were asleep began to dream of falling water, and of rowing in boats, and sounds of cataracts. Again and again they tried it without failure, showing how great is the influence of music upon the sleeping man, upon his dreams, and that our dreams may be guided by this harmony of soft sound.—The C. E. World.

A LIKELY DILEMMA.

The plaintive story of a woman's predicament is told by the Chicago Post. She was waiting at the "limits car-barn" for an Evanston Avenue car. There were a plenty of Evanston cars, but her transfer check was good only on the avenue line, and she was determined not to pay another fare.

At last, as night approached, she went to a telephone and called up her husband. She told him the situation—that no Evanston Avenue cars seemed to be running, that it was getting dark, and she was afraid. What should she do?

"Why, take an Evanston car," he replied.

"But I shall have to pay another fare," she objected.

"Well, what of it? You don't want to stay there, do you?"

"But I can't," she said, and hesitated.

"Why not?" he asked.

"Because — because, I haven't any money. I just used my last dime in the telephone to call you up."

And then she wondered at the laugh which reached her ears over the wire. —The Christian Endeavor World.

A Washington correspondent calls attention to several mistakes made by the missionaries in China, that is, mistakes as the correspondent views them. One is the preaching of the equality of the sexes. "If there is anything abhorrent to the Chinese mind it is an independent woman. Under the teachings of Christianity the women of China have become considerably more independent, and this iconoclastic policy has given rise to renewed hatred of the foreign devils. Teaching the doctrine of Christ the missionaries might have considered the advisability of taking the position of woman at least as much into consideration as St. Paul, who said: "Wives obey your husbands. The husband is the head of the wife." Such doctrines might have attracted the esteem and regard of the Chinaman. The Chinese are emphatically unprepared for the emancipated woman." And yet the Christian missionaries could not be conscientious and have taught anything but the equality of the sexes.—White Ribbon Banner.

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RELIGIOUS STATISTICS.

At this time when a new census is being taken of the United States, the following will be of interest especially to church people. The Director of the Census tells in a circular of the difficulties in the way of securing religious statistics sufficiently accurate to be of value. He says:

The value of a religious census of the population of the United States is somewhat problematical. The publication of the volume in 1890, in which the statistics of churches are contained has exerted, so far as can be judged, no appreciable influence upon the religious thought or life of the nation. This is not because the work was not well done. Probably no census report has ever been more thorough or accurate, within the essential limitations of the subject itself. It is a report on "religious bodies," whether Christian or non-Christian, including the worshipers in Chinese temples. Obviously, therefore, the word "communicants" does not apply to the members of all these bodies. The conditions of membership in the various

bodies calling themselves Christian vary so indefinitely, that comparisons of denominational strength based upon nominal membership in the several churches cannot be otherwise than misleading. There are religious denominations in which children born of parents connected with those organizations are birthright members of them, without baptism, confirmation, or any personal profession of religious faith. Admission to other churches is by baptism and confirmation, or by baptism without confirmation, or by confirmation after baptism, or by profession of personal belief in the doctrines contained in a particular creed and a promise of obedience to the authority vested in the ecclesiastical organization. In comparing the statistics of membership in one religious body with those in another, therefore, we are comparing things which are so dissimilar as to elude comparison. We are attempting to reduce to a common denominator figures which have no common denominator. The attempt to estimate the strength of a religious denomination by the number of sittings in the churches is also misleading, since in the Roman Catholic churches the same edifice is used by different worshipers at different hours of the day, while in the Protestant churches generally, the seating capacity of an edifice exceeds the average attendance.

This hour is mine, with its present duty; the next is God's, and when it comes, His presence will come with it.—Anon.

THE LONDON C. E. CONVENTION.

The extent to which religious conventions are neglected by the newspapers of London has surprised American visitors. In strong contrast with the past has been the treatment of the recent World's Christian Endeavor convention of last month. Mr. Albert Dawson, English editor of our "Congregationalist," Boston, Mass., writes in regard to it: "It is not easy to make an impression on London, perhaps hardest of all by religious means; yet Christian Endeavorers have done it in a very marked manner, as they have accomplished many other unusual things. All London, indeed all Britain, is aware of the World's Christian Endeavor convention. Great as is the number of the participants—say 50,000, exact numbers are not at present obtainable—it is more by their influence, by a subtle, holy contagion they have set going, that they are moving mightily the metropolis of the world. The British secular press, much slower than that of America to record

the doings of religious bodies, is devoting large space to the proceedings of the convention, and the reports are pervaded by a rare tone of sympathy and admiration. The explanation, in part, is that pressmen who are bored by religious anniversary celebrations of the ordinary type, and who positively loathe May meetings, thoroughly enjoy being among Christian Endeavorers. The representative of the 'Daily Mail,' for instance, is camping out with them in the palace grounds, and attending far more meetings than for the purposes of his paper he need do. Surely an unprecedented fact in the history of journalism! At the press table the reporters join heartily in the singing, the 'Star' man, the free lance among evening journals, being especially lusty."

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It is worth while to do even the smallest kindness as we go along the way. Nothing is lost. No dewdrop perishes, but sinking into the flower makes it sweeter.—Rev. J. R. Miller.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

For some time lately the Sunday school has come in for periodical attacks from various quarters. That these schools are open to criticism cannot be doubted, yet it seems as if much of the criticism has been unnecessarily harsh. The Sunday school has come to stay, and if it has weak points, let its well wishers do all they can to strengthen them.

In view of the recent criticism the Sunday School Times takes the defensive, making the following admissions and claims:

"Occasionally an excited and oversensitive clergyman, of one denomination or another, expresses a fear that the Sunday school is not doing as good work as it should be doing, or filling the place that it is supposed to fill. This anxiety is not wholly groundless, nor can it be pushed away as entirely unreasonable. The Sunday school is not doing as good work as it should do, nor does it fully fill the place that is assigned to it. This must be admitted by its sincerest and most devoted friends. It cannot be gainsaid by those who recognize and are willing to face the facts. And were it not for a single redeeming and compensating fact, there would indeed be cause for profoundest anxiety. The Sunday school, with all its shortcomings and defects, stands for the divinely ordained agency of church teaching, as over against the mere human or man-made agency of the pulpit, or ordinary preaching. And the Sunday school, with all its shortcomings and defects, is yet far ahead of the pulpit in the Bible field. There

is a grain of comfort in that fact, and history shows that this has been the case in former centuries as well as in this one,—whether this one be the last or the next."

One of the principal drawbacks to the Sunday school is the fact that many parents feel relieved because of it of the responsibility of home training and instruction in religious matters. That idea is all wrong and mischievous in its results.

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Do the duty which lies nearest to you. Every duty which is bidden to wait returns with seven fresh duties at its back.—Charles Kingsley.

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What \$5 will do in India just now is shown by this statement in a letter to a contributor who sent that amount recently: "By the time this reaches you your gift may fairly be thought of as providing a day's food for 160 hungry persons, including not a few famished children; or buying fifteen native blankets for the almost naked; or sufficing to enable two impoverished peasant farmers to reseed their fields. I deem it really wonderful how much relief can be secured for each dollar wisely expended in the famine district."

Send your contribution to Mr. Atwood Collins, Treasurer, 62 Pearl St., Hartford, Conn., and they will be promptly forwarded.

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The most disreputable feature of the liquor raiding at Niantic this year consisted in the necessity for it. After the stench from the Bradley court martial, it seems as if every true friend of the state militia would be only too anxious to clear its sadly damaged reputation. But such does not appear to have been the case excepting among a few of the officers. The myth of a "dry camp" does not pass current among intelligent observers, and the necessity for drastic measures early became evident, if the militia was to redeem its reputation to any extent whatever. The fact that Major Giddings was the chosen instrument does him credit. Determination and fearlessness were absolutely essential if anything was to be accomplished, and the results were most satisfactory. It was not a case of capturing a few bottles of beer. It was a gratifying evidence that there was an honest effort at headquarters to maintain decency and sobriety and to redeem the damaged reputation of the guard. Those who criticized Major Giddings so harshly, would do well to look to their own reputations, if they have any worth maintaining.

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RUM AND MISSIONARIES.

Few agencies, if any, do so much to harm the cause of foreign missions, and to undo the work of missionaries, as the traffic in liquor maintained with uncivilized or half civilized natives. Many men sincerely believe that the ship which carries 500 barrels of rum, and one missionary, had better remain at home; that the introduction of that form of civilization is a curse rather than a benefit to uncivilized races, and that they had better be left entirely alone than cursed with an evil so slightly alloyed. For the rum is sure in its disastrous effect and its evil results quickly develope, but the work of the missionary takes time to yield results, the immediate results are likely to prove very meagre, and so at the start the missionary is heavily handicapped in his effort to civilize and convert the heathen.

More energy should be directed by our missionary boards, and by all others who are working for the spread of civilization and Christianity to prohibit absolutely the traffic in liquor with weak and uncivilized nations. The evil is alarming enough at home, but if possible it works with even more disastrous results among the weaker races of mankind.

Great Britain has reaped immense harvests in revenue from its rum and opium trade in past years but is now realizing that it does not pay and is therefore adopting a prohibitory policy for some of its colonies. Recently an extra heavy tax was imposed on foreign spirits imported into West Africa, the region recently purchased by the English government from the Royal Niger Company. The traders complained that these heavy dues interfered with trade, and the Colonial Secretary replied that it was the intention of the Government to discourage the drink traffic as it ultimately destroyed trade by destroying the population. In other words drink destroys first the buying power and then the buyers themselves. This announcement of British policy makes it clear that commerce as well as conscience led General Kitchener to establish prohibition in the Soudan, won by a total abstinence army. And Dr. John G. Paton's pathetic appeal that American traders may be put under the same prohibition as British traders as to the sale of liquors and firearms to the converted cannibals of the New Hebrides, a prohibition which would doubtless protect all wholesome trade as well as the natives and the nation's honor, is renewed, after eight years' neglect. Everywhere the liquor traffic is the foe of every useful business, but especially so among the child races,

which should be protected as really minors by such action as the British Empire is initiating.

With the liquor traffic restricted in this way by the governments of civilized nations the work of missionaries will be rendered far easier, and the results of their work be vastly greater and more enduring.

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From the bitterness of the prejudice against the missionaries in China, Dr. George B. Smyth, president of the Anglo Chinese college, Foochow, draws two lessons; namely, the tremendous responsibility which our missionary societies incur in sending missionaries to China, and the solemn obligation under which such responsibility puts them to send to that distant, difficult, and dangerous field only the choicest men and women they can find.

GOOD ADVICE FOR PREACHERS.

And preachers are not the only ones that might profit from the following collection of bright hints, printed in *The Volunteer's Gazette*.

Mind your illustrations are correct. It will never do to describe Noah as one did, sitting outside the ark reading his Bible.

Mind your figures of speech are not cracked. Don't talk like the brother who said, "I fly from star to star, from cherry-beam to cherry-beam."

Get among your people, or somebody may be saying of you, as one old lady said of her minister, that he was invisible all the week and incomprehensible on Sundays.

Shun all affection on the platform, and mind you never get into the goody-goody style. One of this sort said, "I was reading this morning in dear Hebrews."

Mind the theme of your discourse suits yourself. A beardless boy should not preach from, "I have been young and now am old."

Be careful of your emphasis. One read, "He spake to his sons, saying, 'Saddle me the ass'; and they saddled him."

Don't imitate the peculiarities of great preachers. Thomas Binney used to pull his thoughts out of the palm of his left hand with two fingers, and very wonderful thoughts they often were. The students of New College, who often heard him, used to try the same dodge, but most of them found the palm of their hand had nothing in it, so they looked rather ridiculous.

Keep from wandering in your discourse.

"I am wandering in my mind," said one. "Well," said a friend, "you won't have far to go."—C. E. World.

YOUNG PEOPLES WORK

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR PRAYER
MEETING TOPICS.
(From the Presbyterian C. E. Manual.)

September 9.—Our Simple Duty.
Luke 17: 7-10.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

Desire and duty become one as we grow in grace.

Duty is simplest to the sincere.

Only the dutiful deserve delight.

The great soul is that which fears not to follow duty anywhere.

Doing one's duty is the only heroism. When duty is put first all of life falls into order after it.

God never hides duty from a seeking soul.

Duty is most difficult when we are afraid of it.

Duty is the only possible expression of love.

We are true to God when we are true to duty.

Duties enlarge in the doing.

By doing little duties well we are fitted for large duties.

September 16.—The Broad Way; the Narrow Way.—Matt. 7: 13, 14.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

The broadest life may be lived in the narrow way.

The proof of every path is its end.

We may know in which way we walk by the company we keep.

The broad way narrows life.

The broad way is short.

God's words are guideposts on the narrow way.

Congenial companionship is one of the delights of the narrow way.

The narrow way is paved for youngest feet.

Life's fairest flowers blossom along the narrow way.

Life expands as we walk the narrow way, but it contracts on the broad way.

The narrow way may have hills, but no pitfalls.

September 23.—Tares In Your Field.—Matt. 13: 24-30, 36-43.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

The tares are the hypocrites planted in the church by Satan.

Even the tares cannot prevent the grain from coming to fruition.

The bad may look like the good now, but there will be no mistake at the harvest.

The garnering tests the tares.

Hypocrites may be in the church visible, but they cannot get into the church invisible.

After all, the harvest field is really a place of grain and the church a place of saints.

Tares in the heart, if undisturbed, will choke out the grain.

Mixed motives are a sign of tares. We shall not be free from tares until the harvest home. He who watches the good will not need to watch the bad.

September 30.—Our Foolish Excuses.—Luke 14: 15-24.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

Better a good attempt than an excuse for not trying.

Satan never lets an unfaithful man want for an excuse.

Less harm results from unjust judgment than from cowardly excuses.

A great man has said "I never explain." It takes a great man to say that.

Excuses are rare in the mouths of the excellent.

The person ready with an excuse is seldom ready with a deed.

Excuses are commonest with those who are afraid to dare.

The habit of self-excusing robs the heart of courage and the hand of power.

Better ready than excused.

Most excuses are, consciously or unconsciously, falsehoods.

October 7.—Rich Toward God.—Luke 12: 13-21.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

Sometimes the smallest men have the most money.

The dollar mark is no standard in heaven.

Money is the lowest kind of wealth. Fools and knaves may have wealth of coin, but only true men can be rich in character.

A good name is great riches. Poverty may be either an honor or a stigma; so may wealth.

Only the petty are purse-proud.

Gold has never yet been able to purchase either peace or purity.

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When money is a master it is a menace.

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There is nothing this side of eternal doom more pitiful than a sordid soul.

Souls starve that feed not on the Saviour.

Better the knife than no fruit.

Smiles and songs are the birthright of the saved.

Money is meant to be a means, not an end. There is a suggestive phrase which speaks of a man having "means."

Children get queer association of ideas in their heads at times. A little lad on Capitol Hill has a playmate of his own age in the son of a poor neighbor. The son of toil visited his richer friend the other day wearing a gorgeous red tie. The son of wealth eyed the tie enviously for a while, and then asked Benny where he got it.

"My mamma dyed it for me for a birthday present," lisped Benny.

After Benny went home Rex played listlessly about for a time and then leaned on his mother's knee, thoughtfully studying the pictures in the fire.

"Mamma," he said, finally, "Benny's tie was awful pretty, wasn't it?"

"Yes, dear."

"Mamma, won't you kill me a tie like Benny's when I get a birthday?"—Washington Star.



LOCAL PERSPIRATION.

Although the sweat glands are distributed very generally over the body, local excess of perspiration is not uncommon. Some people perspire freely about the angle of the jaw while eating; in others, beads of perspiration may be seen standing in and near the eyebrows while the rest of the face is quite dry; and attacks of neuralgia are frequently accompanied by increased moisture over the painful area.

The parts most frequently and most unpleasantly affected with local sweating are the hands and feet. The condition may vary from simple moisture to a state in which the hands or feet are constantly wet, or even actually dripping.

In one well-known case, quoted by many medical writers, of excessive sweating of the palms, about two tablespoonfuls of fluid were exuded from one hand every five minutes. The poor woman had to wrap her hands in towels at night, and during the day was obliged to carry a handkerchief constantly in each hand.

The greatest distress is caused by profuse sweating of the feet, for this may really incapacitate the sufferer. In extreme cases, the skin of the feet is sodden and the epidermis peels off, leaving the soles raw and tender. In addition, there is often a disagreeable odor, which is not due to want of cleanliness, but which is sometimes thought to be, and so mental distress is added to physical.

The treatment of perspiring feet is difficult, but by no means hopeless; for while the condition is not often cured, it can usually be ameliorated.

Too much warm local bathing is not advisable, and when the odor is not marked, once a day is often enough to wash the feet. Sometimes salt baths help. The feet should be patted—not rubbed—with a damp cloth, and then with a dry one several times a day, the stockings being changed at the same time and the skin dusted with fullers' earth, oxide of zinc and magnesia, boric acid and bismuth, Venetian tale, or some other smooth powder.

The stockings may be dipped in a solution of boric acid after being washed, so that they are constantly impregnated with this antiseptic. Sometimes better results are reached by using zinc, bismuth, or boric acid in the form of an ointment. Sometimes lotions of tannin in solution, or brandy, or some other astringent will give relief.

If these simple measures do not suffice, more severe ones must be tried, but these should be undertaken only under the physician's care.—The Youth's Companion.

The United Presbyterian Church in the United States gained only 343 members last year. But its mission in Egypt reports a gain of 438 in a year. If it pays to support the Church at home, do not missions pay?—Review of Missions.

MISSIONARY NOTES

The Methodist Church Extension Society is asking the churches for \$12,000 with which to foster the erection of places of worship in Porto Rico, and \$10,000 for the same in Luzon. It is stated that the sum of \$1,550 is in hand towards the proposed Methodist church in Manila.

Among the notable offerings for relief of the Indian famine sufferers, are one of \$10.50 from a Chinese mission in Oakland, Cal., a part of which sum was earned by repairing chairs, and one of \$28 from inmates of the Ohio penitentiary, saved out of pittances usually hoarded for personal indulgences. Christ makes all men members of one body, so that when one member is hurt in India, Chinese laundrymen and Ohio convicts feel for him.—J. E. World.

The zeal of the Mormons is worthy of a better cause. No professedly religious body propagates its doctrines so industriously. Not content with sending their "elders" to every part of our own land and Europe, they are now wending their way to the little island groups of the far South Seas, there to be a source of trouble to devoted missionaries who have borne the hardships of pioneer work and converted cannibals into quiet, peaceable people. Samoa has for several years past been partially occupied by Mormons. Thus far their efforts have been confined to the islands of Manua and Tutuila. In 1898 they had eight "elders" on these islands, though they had only some eighty followers—one missionary to every ten adherents.—The Missionary.

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—The Musician.

Not long since the bishop of L— was a guest at a dinner party in Birmingham, when a lady noted for her witty remarks, who was a guest, said:

"Do you know that there are times when it is dangerous to enter a church?"

"What is that, madam?" inquired the bishop, with great dignity, straightening himself in his chair.

"That there are times when it is positively dangerous to enter a church," was the lady's reply.

"That cannot be, madam," said the bishop; "pray explain."

"Why," said the lady, "it is when there is a canon at the reading desk; a big gun in the pulpit; when the bishop is charging his clergy; the choir murdering the anthem, and the organist trying to drown the choir."

When Mme. Eames was making a Western tour recently, she consented to sing at a church festival in aid of the cathedral of a certain prominent city. The choir authorities decided to charge an admission fee to the cathedral to all who wished to hear the great singer. Most people paid willingly, but the crank demanded admission on the ground that he should not be charged for going into a public place of worship.

"Do you mean to tell me," he argued with the doorkeeper, "that I shall require a ticket to enter the kingdom of heaven?"

"Well, no," explained the ticket seller, suavely, "but then you won't hear Mme. Eames in heaven." Then, when the enormity of his remark dawned upon him, that ticket seller turned and fled.—Collier's Weekly.

"True art is the result of knowledge and inspiration. Without these fundamental requisites, a musician will always be an inferior artist, if artist he can be called."—Berlioz.

Congregational singing will never become at all general or permanent until the churches employ tunes which have melodies that cling to the memory and touch the feelings or the imagination. Music is not simply a vehicle for carrying a hymn. It is something in itself. No tune is fit to be sung to a hymn which would not be pleasant, in itself, without any words. Any other view of the function of music, if it shall prevail, will in the end bring music to such a tame and tasteless state that a reaction will be inevitable, and the public mind will go to the opposite extreme. Thus, those who are conscientiously anxious to make music a means of religious feeling, will, by an injudicious method, produce by and by the very mischief which they sought

to cure. A corruption of hymns will not be more fatal to public worship than will be a corruption of music. And any theory that denies to church music a power upon the imagination and the feelings, as music, and makes it a mere servile attendant upon words, will carry certain mischief upon its path, and put back indefinitely the cause of church music.—Beecher.

The following incident is taken from Dr. Taylor's "Elijah, the Prophet:" About two years after the close of the thirty years' war in Germany, George Neumark lived in a poor street in Hamburg, obtaining a precarious living by playing on a violoncello. After a while he fell sick, and was unable to go his usual rounds. As this was his only means of support, he was soon reduced to great straits and was compelled to part with his instrument to a broker, who, with characteristic sharpness, lent him on it a sum much below its value for two weeks, after which, if it were not redeemed, it was to be forfeited. As he gave it up, he looked lovingly at it, and tearfully asked if he might play one more tune upon it. "You don't know," he said, "how hard it is to part with it. For ten years it has been my companion; if I had nothing else I had it; and it spoke to me and sang back to me. Of all the sad hearts that have left your door there has been none so sad as mine." Then pausing a moment he seized the instrument and commenced a tune so exquisitely soft that even the pawnbroker listened in spite of himself. A few more strains, and he sang to his own melody two stanzas of his own hymn: "Life is Weary, Saviour, Take Me." Suddenly the key changed—a few bars and the melody poured itself forth anew, and his face lighted up with a smile as he sang, "Yet Who Knows the Cross is Precious." Then laying down the instrument he said, "As God will, I am still," and hurried from the shop. Going out in the darkness, he stumbled against a stranger who seemed to have been listening at the door, and who said to him, "Could you tell me where I could obtain a copy of that song? I would willingly give a florin for it." "My good friend," said Neumark, "I will give it to you without the florin." The stranger was a valet to the Swedish ambassador, and to him the poet told the story of his trials. He in turn told his master, who being in want of a private secretary engaged Neumark at once; and so his troubles ended. But with his first money he redeemed his instrument, and obtaining it, he called on his landlady and his friends and neighbors to hear him play on it again. Soon the room was filled, and he sang to his accompaniment his own sweet hymn,

Leave God to order all thy ways,
And hope in Him whate'er betide,
Thou'lt find Him in the evil days
Thine all sufficient strength and
guide.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
Builds on a rock that nought can
move.

No man can follow Christ without becoming busy.

No honest worker need be ashamed to face God or man.

Labor is never a disgrace; idleness always is.



WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union held its first regular meeting for the season, Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 4th, in the chapel of the Fourth church. There was a large attendance. Plans for an increase of membership were discussed.

WOMAN'S WORK NOTES.

Through the courtesy of the publishers of "The Delineator" magazine we are enabled to reproduce from the September number of that invaluable magazine for women a picture of Chinese girls playing at a game every American child is familiar with: "E-Ne-Me-Ne-Mi-Ne-Mo." The article of which it is one of the illustrations is on "Peking." Clara E. Laughlin is writing a series called "The Stories of Authors' Loves," and in the current issue she brings the utmost delicacy to bear upon the infinite pathos of the life of Charles Lamb, and tells of his Dream Children.

No longer do club-women sit around and wait for city fathers to promote improvements only when the municipal spirit moves. They promptly appoint a committee, who put on their prettiest bonnets, and proceed to ask the masculine authorities for their soul's desire, and, presto! there is the desired change. In Atlanta, for instance, club-women who are housewives have for some time longed for a town market, but this domestic convenience was not forthcoming. The merchants were equally solicitous. Thereupon members of the Atlanta Woman's Club waited on the city council and made captivating little speeches. In consequence Atlanta is to have a town market "right off."—Bertha Damaris Knoke in the September Woman's Home Companion.

It is safe to say, from a wide acquaintance with ministers' wives, that they are not sometimes, but always, imposed upon; they are laid upon the Procrustean bed of "ought to be," and anatomical considerations vanish before the joy most people feel in the cheerful task of stretching out or lopping off one or other of the privileges which the majority of the other women in the parish possess to an unlimited degree.—A Minister's Wife, in the September Ladies' Home Journal.

The late Collis P. Huntington owed the industry, ambition and rectitude which made him a financial success to two women. First to his mother, who possessed these qualities in a marked degree, but who could not keep her numerous family together on the meagre earnings of her husband, who was a tinker and umbrella mender. The family was broken up when the boy was ten years old and he was

placed in the family of Orza Barbier. Mrs. Barbier was a very intelligent woman and Mr. Huntington always admitted that he owed everything to her training. Mr. Huntington himself left school at fourteen and became a pedler of tinware. When he returned to Hartington, his native town, it was to erect a \$10,000 granite chapel as a memorial to his mother.—Woman's Tribune.

"Every church should have a committee of ladies able and willing to call upon newcomers in the congregation," writes "A Minister's Wife," in the September Ladies' Home Journal. "These ladies should be attractive personally and socially, and the minister's wife may or may not be a member of this committee; she should not be its chairman. This committee should be organized quietly by the minister, should remain as nearly unknown as possible, and should never be referred to from the pulpit nor in any church publication. If it is, half of its efficacy will depart."

"I saw a mother's mother, grown wrinkled and gray, and I thought to myself 'She is growing old, so old,



CHINESE GIRLS PLAYING "E-NE-ME-NE-MI-NE-MO."
From the "Delineator."

so old.' But then I saw a little child approach and nestle down in her aged arms, and I saw her kiss the baby lips, and I heard them talk and laugh and play together, as happy as the sunshine that cast a golden halo about the picture of age and innocence; and as I looked, the scene was changing before me, because my thoughts had changed, and something softly said to me: 'She is not growing old, for hear her happy songs and stories, and see her love for the baby heart so closely pressed against her own.'

In the "Humors and Blunders" corner of the Library Journal, we find the following tribute to contemporary literary fame:

At the Delivery Desk.—Small Girl—"Will you give me the book my sister wants?" Librarian—"But what book is it?" Small Girl—"Oh, I don't know. But she wants it very much." Librarian (at a venture)—"Is it 'To Have and To Hold'?" Small Girl—"Yes; that's it—all I could think of was 'If you get it, keep it.'"

Small Margaret had said her prayers and her mamma was tucking her in to leave her to her slumbers, when the child begged that mamma would not leave her alone. "Why, Margaret," said mamma, soothingly, but surprised at this unexpected demand, "you know you are never alone, for God is always with you." "Yes," rejoined the small maiden, doubtfully, "I know. But, mamma, I'd rather have some of my own relations."—Edith Helen Wheeler in the September Woman's Home Companion.

The late Admiral Philip's Bible was carefully marked, and, characteristically, the most heavily underscored passage was, "Whosoever, therefore, shall confess me before men, him will I confess before my Father which is in heaven."

THE QUEEN'S IMAGE.

A captain in a regiment station in Natal when paying his company, the other day, chanced to give a man a Transvaal half-crown, which, as one would naturally expect, bears the image and superscription of President Kruger.

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"It's all right, man. It will pass in the canteen."

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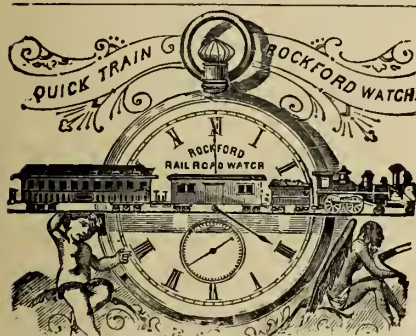
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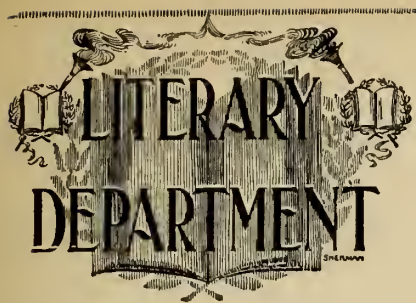
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"Christian Science Dissected" is a book of 64 pages that will afford both amusement and instruction to the reader, unless perchance he should be a believer in the doctrine taught by Mrs. Eddy, in which case the amusing features will probably not be perceptible. It is the work of A. D. Sector, and is published by the Christian Publishing Co., St. Louis, Mo. Price 25 cents.

The long friendship between W. D. Howells and James Russell Lowell is commemorated in the September Scribner's by an article in which Mr. Howells sets down with great frankness and yet with fine delicacy his personal recollections of Mr. Lowell.

In the Review of Reviews for September, Mr. Edward J. Wheeler describes the political organization known as the National Prohibition party, and sketches the characters and careers of its candidates in the present Presidential campaign — Messrs. Woolley and Metcalf.

"Modern Culture" is the new name of the old "Self Culture" magazine. The new name and the new volume begins with the September number. It is published at \$1.00 per year by The Modern Culture Magazine Co., of Cleveland, Ohio.

"The Influence of the Western World on China" is the title of a timely article in the September Century, the writer being the Rev. D. Z. Sheffield, D. D., for thirty years a missionary in the Middle Kingdom.

The Conception of Immortality. By Josiah Royce. 91 pages, 16 mo. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price \$1.00.

This is the fourth Ingersoll lecture on immortality given at Harvard University. The author makes an argument for man's immortality "as the permanency of the individual man." The lecture is an inquiry into the meaning of "an individual man."

Red Blood and Blue. By Harrison Robertson. 324 pages, 12 mo. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. Price \$1.50.

The author was responsible for the book "If I were a Man," which attracted much attention when first published some months ago. The present story is a love romance with a slightly complicated plot. It narrates the rivalry of a young man of "blue blood" and another of blood of more plebeian color, for the affections of the heroine. The story is modern, one of the scenes be-

ing at the battle of San Juan Hill.

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The Second Froggy Fairy Book. By A. J. D. Biddle. 127 pages, 7 vo. Philadelphia: Drexel Biddle. Price 75 cents.

Elsie Lee is the little heroine of this American "Alice in Wonderland." A former book began her happy experiences under the title of "The Froggy Fairy Book."

Miss Elsie wanders into Frogland and has remarkable experiences with the gallant frogs who figure as gentlemen in various classes of society. This continuation of Elsie's adventures is unique and pleasing and there are few children who would not thoroughly appreciate and enjoy its delightful humor.

The Money Market. By E. F. Benson. 263 pages, 12 mo. Philadelphia: Drexel Biddle. Price \$1.25.

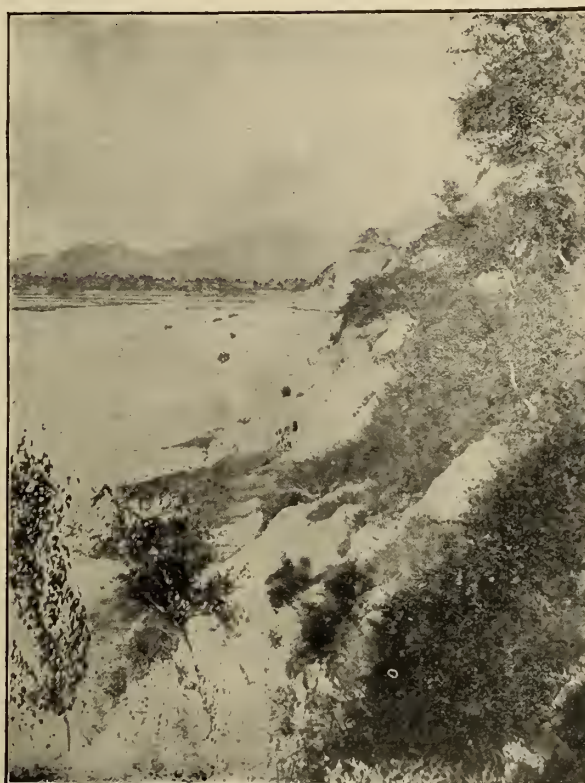
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Debate on the Roman Catholic Religion. By Alexander Campbell and Archbishop Purcell. 360 pages, 12 mo. St. Louis: Christian Publishing Co. Price \$1.00.

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Village Life in China. By Arthur H. Smith, D. D. 360 pages, crown 8 vo. New York: Fleming H. Revell Co.

The author of "Chinese Characteristics," which The Examiner has named "the best book on China," has



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This is by the author of "Dodo" and "The Vintage." It is not a compendium of finance as one might judge by the title but a novel considering in a superficial manner the matter of marriage for money.

The story has no great literary value but is quite readable and contains some good character pictures.

The Princess of Copper. By A. C. Gunter. 283 pages, 12 mo. New York: The Home Publishing Co. Price, cloth, \$1.25. Paper, 50 cents.

This story, like the author's "Miss Nobody of Nowhere," which had a phenomenal success, is a series of exciting and fascinating pictures of both the salons of New York society, and the rough-and-tumble mining camps of the West. The chapters headed "The Green Stained Canyon" and "The

written, in the present book, a work of much greater consequence, for it is a study of the life of the people, their characteristics, customs and feelings. The present book is the result of twenty-six years of study and observation while living as a missionary in the midst of the people.

The exceptional character of the book is shown on a casual examination by the illustrations, one of which we reproduce herewith. They are all from photographs and nearly all are decidedly novel. It is probable that no better idea of the Chinese and China can be obtained from any books than from this book and its predecessor.

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Congressman Hardie. By Wellington Courtney. 240 pages, 12 mo. New York: G. W. Dillingham Co. Price \$1.25.

As its title implies this is a political novel. The hero is a self-made man and a thorough democrat and will attract the interest of every earnest American for both reasons. The heroine, Bena Carleton, is an original conception on the part of the writer. She is seen in some phases of city life not before portrayed in romance.

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Rambles in Dickens' Land. By Robert Allbut. 174 pages, 12 mo. New York: Truslove, Hanson & Combs. Price \$1.50.

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The Key to South Africa: Delagoa Bay. By Montague George Jessette, F. R. G. S. 178 pages, 12 mo. New York: New Amsterdam Publishing Co. Price \$1.50.

The author gives an account of Delagoa Bay, its town of Lourenso Marques, a short history of the port, its importance as regards foreign powers, an account of its trade and the natives, its fauna and flora, and in brief, a resume of all subjects of importance, which relate to it. He considers it of vast importance as the Key to South Africa.

The volume is well illustrated. The author is an Imperialist and is proud of the fact. His great object in writing the book appears to be to impress on the public mind the fact, that England should acquire control of the bay.

Work and Play. By Dr. John E. Bradley. 208 pages, 16 mo. Boston: The Pilgrim Press. Price \$1.00.

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Philip Winwood. By R. N. Stephens. 400 pages, 12 mo. Boston: L. C. Page & Co. Price \$1.50.

This novel, now in its fifteenth thousand, has a sub-title of unusual length, namely: "A sketch of the domestic history of an American Captain in the War of Independence; embracing events that occurred during and between the years 1763 and 1786, in New York and London: Written by his enemy in war, Herbert Russell, lieutenant in the Loyalist forces, and told anew by Rob. N. Stephens." This gives

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The Trust Problem. By Jeremiah Whipple Jenks, Ph. D. 281 pages, 16 mo. New York: McClure, Phillips & Co. Price \$1.00.

A comprehensive work on industrial combinations, treating of such topics as competition, monopoly, organization and management, wages, and legislative control. The plans of Governor Roosevelt, Mr. W. J. Bryan, and Comptroller Coler with regard to trust legislation are ably presented and discussed. Professor Jenks has gathered



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Tuen, Slave and Empress. By Kathleen Gray Nelson. 191 pages, 16 mo. New York: E. P. Dutton & Co. Price \$1.25.

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Pine Knot. By William E. Barton. 360 pages, 12 mo. New York: D. Appleton & Co. Price \$1.50.

This striking story is full of the atmosphere of the quaint life of the Kentucky and Tennessee mountains. It sketches the curious conditions existing just before and during the war, and the interest of a treasure search runs through the tale.

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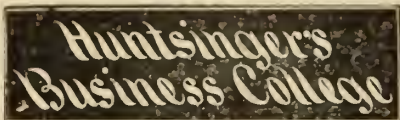
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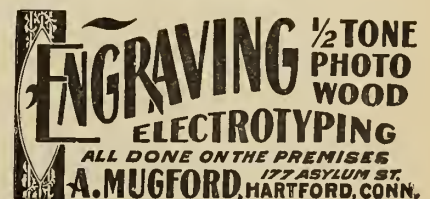
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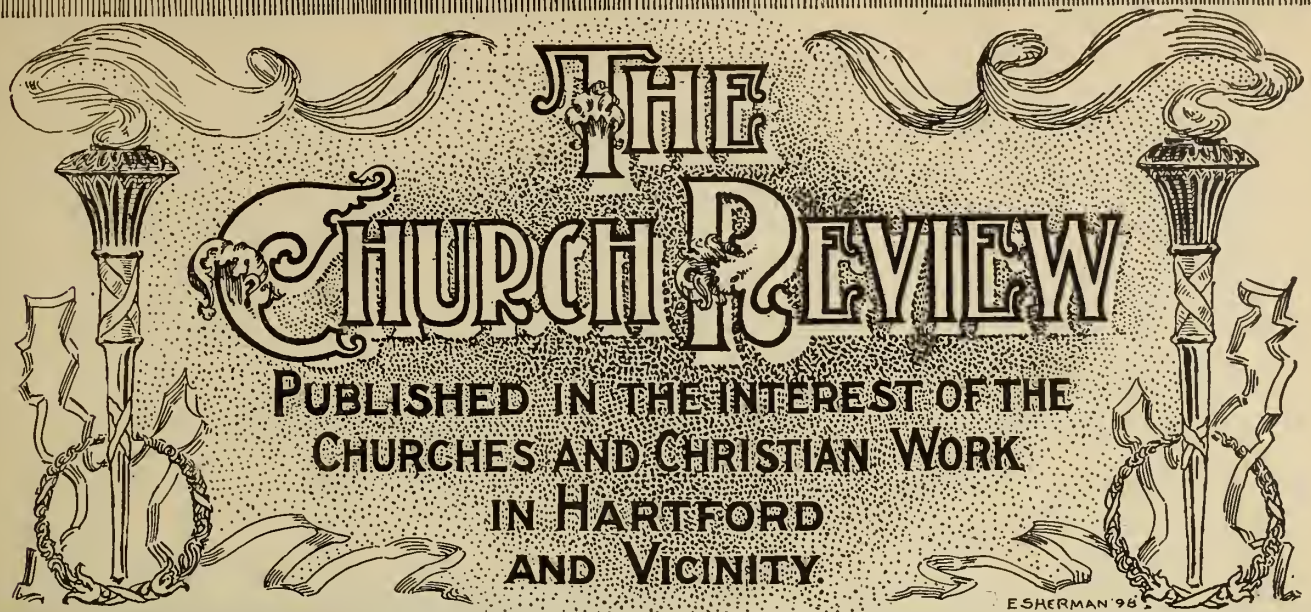
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 But not a blade grows green as in the spring;
 No swelling twig puts forth its thickening leaves;
 The robins only mid the harvests sing,
 Pecking the grain that scatters from the sheaves;
 The rain falls still,—the fruit all ripened drops,
 It pierces chestnut-burr and walnut shell;
 The furrowed fields disclose the yellow crops;
 Each bursting pod of talents used can tell;
 And all that once received the early rain
 Declare to man it was not sent in vain.

—Jones Very.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL PROBLEM.

By Mr. Harry Handy, Superintendent of Fourth Congregational Church Bible School.

At the present time the attention of the church is being more and more turned toward the young as its future hope.

This may be due in part to the stress that is being laid upon that period of life by educators the world over. To the wave of child study that has spread over the country; to the real or apparent decline of the revival as a potent agency for bringing men into the church.

Whatever is the cause it is certain that much attention is now being given to this subject. It is a topic in ministers' meetings. Christian Endeavor conventions discuss how to help the school and almost every summer school has its Sunday school de-

partment, even Northfield had its Sunday school hours, this year.

But all this discussion has not centered itself about the Sunday school. Indeed there seems to be a feeling among many that the Sunday school is somewhat a failure in methods and results. This may be seen in the revival of pastor's classes, catechetical classes, with a little flood of literature on the subject of how "I conducted my class," etc., or in the shape of handbooks that "I have written and used in my classes."

There is a general feeling of dissatisfaction with present methods with a feeling of helplessness as to what ought to be done. The best informed are agreed that if the young are to be saved we must act at once, but present methods are inadequate. Eighteenth century methods are out of place in twentieth century schools and if we are to save the schools we must bring them up to date both in method and material and the sooner the better.

The problem varies in different localities, but generally speaking it circles about these five points, viz:—Time, when is the best time; place, can we get a fit and proper place? Lesson, which system shall we use? Shall we make one of our own? Teachers, this includes getting them, training, teachers' meetings and the like. Finally and the most important of all, the scholar, how to get him, keep him, use him, train him, save him.

I shall mention three of the points here, viz: Time, place, teacher, for mere mention is all that can be made in a single article.

It may be stated that none of these points will receive their full and proper consideration, until the church recognizes in deed and in truth the importance of rightly training its young. This recognition has largely been confined to fine speeches on stated occasions, when the children were present. Then we have gone away and straightway forgotten what manner of speeches were made.

It is not enough to recognize the school as the nursery of the church. It needs to be recognized as the teaching department of the church as di-

vinely ordained as the preaching. If we need deacons in the preaching department solemnly ordained and set apart for service. In the teaching department, we need to revive the teaching function of the church and just as solemnly ordain and set them apart if need be.

As to place, when the church puts its fine speeches into effect, it will build schools for the teaching department, fit and proper buildings, as good as its members use to worship in and not turn over to the teaching department inferior, poorly lighted rooms, or wonderfully adapted chapels, where the saints are comfortable once or twice a week and the teacher and child contrive as best they may to pass the hours on Sunday. When building committees and architects meet, let them think of the children more and the adults just a little less. It may be safely said that in this city there is not one first class Sunday school building. A building put up with the teaching idea in mind, with rooms adapted to primary and adults.

Then we need a proper time. There is a time for everything, but not many will argue that the best time for teaching God's word is from 12 to 1 o'clock on Sunday. The best time is earlier in the morning, say from 9:30 to 10:45, with church at 11. Then both will have ample time and there will be no need of hurry and no encroaching upon the time of Sunday school by special sermons or music. It is a good sign to see one of the city pastors start his school at 9:45. The sooner we all come to ourselves and do it the better it will be. Of course some one is going to say this is the only morning to sleep in, and get rested and that school at such a time is impossible. In many cities in the west they work as long and as hard as we do in Hartford and yet can get to Bible school at 9:30 sharp. Where there's a will there's a way.

Lastly, a word needs to be said about the teachers. It is possible to have a school without a building, or church to foster it, without any material advantages, but you cannot do without teachers. In proportion to the consecration and fitness of your teachers so will the strength of your school be.

The great teachers of antiquity had little or no material advantages, many indeed being like Him "who had nowhere to lay his head." They had a love, a consuming zeal for the work, they must teach or die. Thus they writ themselves into the hearts and lives of men with uneffaceable marks.

Here is where we lack, most vitally. Scholars leave because they are too old. Would they leave if they were still learning? Scholars drop out, no one calls, no one cares; they join the ranks of the missing. Some are misunderstood and slighted. Others long for sympathy and friendship, they get formal questions and a quarterly. Of course despite all we can do or might do, some will continue to drop out, but this number might be materially decreased if we increased the efficiency of our teachers.

How may this be done? It has already been suggested that we dignify the office of teacher, exalt it at every possible opportunity. Let the ideal be implanted even in primary of the joy, privilege and importance of teacher's work, so that the young may be led to think of it and aspire to it. This of itself is not enough. The church which uses teachers and whose very existence is conditioned by their work should invest something in training them. If it pays to have good teachers, it will pay to prepare them. Good teachers are born, not made, but training will enable us to supply a considerable number of substitutes until Nature's supply of born ones is sufficient. That is what the state is doing now, though when it was first proposed to train teachers for public school some years ago, a great howl went up against it. Sense prevailed against the howl and few regret it. What succeeded in the state will hardly fail in the church when the functions are so near alike. The teacher on the Lord's Day needs to use Divine principles for teaching as much as the teacher on any other day.

Training, broadly speaking, is needed along three lines: The book, the child, the teaching. It is just as important to know your child as your book, and to know the how of teaching as to know the how of anything else worth doing. Every church should have a class, or union classes might be formed. Those who take up this study and work might be made "ex-empts" from every other form of church work. This would give a few at least willing to learn. The teacher for such a class might be the pastor, at least for the Biblical lessons. The second and third subjects might be taught by a hired teacher. There is much good material in the public schools that could be used for such purposes.

Another plan which might be feasible in these days of church federation. Let the churches of a city or some other center employ a trained man for this work, a kind of city Sunday school superintendent. He would form centers throughout the city and conduct weekly normal classes in the evening or afternoon, help the primary unions, visit school on Sunday and help superintendents as an adviser and perhaps give occasional addresses on the work before churches, etc. Such a man could be supplied from Springfield. It would not cost each church more than \$25 apiece and would be a constant source of instruction, advice and inspiration.

To sum up, none of us who know

the situation are satisfied with it. Something ought to be done at once. We need to realize the importance of the work. Let us show our belief in its importance by improving time, place, teaching and lessons.

REV. ROCKWELL HARMON POTTER

The Rev. Rockwell Harmon Potter was installed as pastor of the First Church of Christ (the Center church) Wednesday evening, Oct. 3rd. There was a large congregation present, including pastors of the churches of nearly every denomination in the city. A sketch of Mr. Potter's life will interest readers of The Review at this time.

The Rev. Rockwell Harmon Potter was born in Glenville, Schenectady County, N. Y., in 1844. He was graduated from Union College in the class of 1895 and was a Phi Beta Kappa man. His theological studies were pursued

age when first selected here. Of the other Congregational churches, Dr. Parker of the South and Mr. Twichell of the Asylum Hill are both very young men when called to their charges.

Mr. Potter comes with the highest recommendations of his instructors, parishioners, and those that know of his work, at the unanimous call of a united and influential church. In 1898 he married Miss Jean A. Gilchrist of Marshalltown, Iowa, and they have one child under one year of age.

PARK SYSTEM OF HARTFORD.

By Theodore Wirth.

(Concluded from September.)

To the north of the city is Keney Park, the magnificent gift of Henry Keney to his beloved Hartford. Containing some 670 acres, or more than half the area of the whole of the park



REV. ROCKWELL HARMON POTTER.

the first year at Yale Theological Seminary, his second year at Union Theological Seminary, New York City, and his third year at Chicago Theological Seminary, from which he graduated in 1898.

His first pastorate, entered upon immediately after graduation, was over the Dutch Reformed church of Flushing, L. I., although his training had been solely in Congregational seminaries. The Flushing church has an active membership of over 300, of which ninety-eight have been added during his pastorate of two years. The pastor and people part with mutual sorrow, but feel that it is a Divine call to a larger field. Although the last two pastors of the First church were of past middle age, youth even in that historical church has been an attribute of some of its leaders, among them Dr. Joel Hawes. His pastorate was one of the most memorable and longest, and he was not far from Mr. Potter's

system, it spreads over a very large territory whose natural beauties and attractions are manifold. The beautiful rolling meadows, the endless woods, the gorge, the glens, the pond, the inviting groves, and isolated groups of noble trees, as they stand out in the open, and a hundred more features of less prominence yet great importance; they, all combined, form the landscape for which Keney Park is and will become more and more famous. To ride through Keney Park at leisure, and to observe closely and understandingly all the changing views as they present themselves along the winding roads, means to see a series of pictures, of which all have certain characteristic attractions and the combination of which leaves the impression of a beautiful whole. Keney Park will be the park for those who are fond of a long walk through woods and meadows, for the wheelmen and women, and for those who are fond and have

the means of riding, be it behind a good span of horses or an automobile. Play grounds and other attractions will also be provided for, but Keney Park's characteristic point will be that it is the real driving park of the park system.

Almost due west of the city, 150 feet above the river, is Elizabeth Park, the gift of the late Charles M. Pond to the people of Hartford. Standing on what has been termed "Sunrise Hill" and looking east, one can understand the warm and noble feelings which prompted the donor to make this generous gift. To look down on Hartford from this point and see it amongst its trees, the picture of peace and rest, means to see it at its best. Elizabeth Park is often called the "Gem of Parks," and in certain respects it de-

former is quite an interesting addition to the attractiveness of Elizabeth Park. From the nursery and the greenhouses all the other parks are furnished with trees, shrubs, and flowering plants, which are required for their embellishment. What makes Elizabeth Park so very popular is the fact that the park is an ideal combination of artful and natural features, each in its place, in close proximity, yet forming no abrupt and displeasing contrasts.

Turning to the southwest part of the city we have Pope Park with the great manufacturing establishment of the town to the north and the west, and residential districts to the east and south. The larger part of the land forming the park is the gift of Col. Albert A. Pope. Entering the park at the east end, at the corner of Putnam

have another very picturesque grove, Hillside Ramble. On the brow of the hill towards the west, is to be the High Wall and the Pergola. There are to be promenades under fine shade trees, a flower garden, fountains, shelters, toilet rooms, etc., and play grounds for little folks near by. Fine views over the meadows to the east, and toward the Talcott mountain chain to the west, will prove a special attraction of this spot. At the foot of this hill, to the west, lies Nethermead, a small meadow, which offers a splendid field for the baseball players of this section of the city. Through the foresight and generosity of Mr. Pope, this tract of land, which was originally an unsightly, and badly neglected farm, has been secured for the people of Hartford, and especially the residents



"LAKELET" ELIZABETH PARK.

serves this distinction. Nature has been so liberal and generous in its distribution of vegetation, both in character and variety; and the topographical formation of the grounds was so well adapted for the purpose for which they were selected, that it was simply a matter of assisting Nature to develop its hidden beauty, to redeem swampy land and turn it into meadow and pasture, to utilize the natural water shed and springs for pretty sheets of water, without which no landscape is actually complete, and to finally make those attractive features accessible through the building of roads and paths. This has all been accomplished with money left for that purpose by the donor and in a comparatively short time. Connected with this park are the nurseries and the farmstead and the

street and Russ Terrace, we have to our right a splendid double set of tennis courts that are freely used during the proper season. The entrance from Capitol avenue and Park Terrace is especially attractive, and the walk along the winding park river under the numerous and beautiful trees of Bankside grove is most refreshing and fascinating. Upon arriving at the height of Park street and looking to the south, we have before us Hollowmead, a beautiful large meadow of pleasing irregular outlines, and gentle rolling hillsides, all sloping towards a broad center valley, at the lower end of which nestles a small sheet of water, Hollowmead pool. Along the east side of this meadow is East Bourne grove, and to the southwest corner, toward Hamilton street entrance, we

of that district. The full inestimable value of Pope Park will become more evident from year to year, as the park develops itself, and the neighboring sections of the city become more thickly populated.

Last, but not least, Hartford has at the extreme south end of the city limits and even crossing the city line into the town of Wethersfield, another beautiful wood and meadowland park, which in character, outlines, and utility is akin to its rival in the north. The main entrance to South Park is to be on the summit of the hill opposite the present entrance to Cedar Hill cemetery. From this spot a most extensive view of the Connecticut valley and over Wethersfield is to be had. Descending from this point to the groves and woods to the east, we traverse a

meadow which has yet to find its rival, as regards its pleasing contours, outlines and general natural beauty. Extending from South street to Jordan lane, redeemed from its original condition of swamps and wilderness, through a system of underdrainage, consisting of five miles of drains, this meadow affords an unobstructed view of one mile in length. The woods and groves projecting along its boundaries, forming the pleasing irregular outlines, together with the many individual groups of magnificent trees, scattered in Nature's own artless fashion, give the finishing touch to this picture, which must impress its beauty upon all those who have an open eye and taste for real and sublime nature. A small section of the contemplated driveways is already built, and leads

which they are located. Some of them are used chiefly as playgrounds and for that purpose there ought to be many more of those small breathing spots, distributed properly throughout the city. The duty to provide for such playgrounds, it would seem, should partly be assumed by the authorities in charge of education. Each school district should acquire large enough tracts of land adjoining their schoolhouse grounds, to do justice to such demands. To have the children under the watchful eyes of the teachers during their hours of recreation and play means to guard them from danger, and further their good behavior and habits.

That the different parks should be connected through parkways is evident. Certain streets have already been designated for that purpose and the

they believe that any man whose face was white had a heart that was other than black, and they would not listen to him; and he found, at last, that there was no way to preach to them unless he preached to them in their sufferings while he suffered with them himself. He sold himself, and was driven afield with them himself, that while he suffered and toiled as they did, he might have opportunity to preach to them the unsearchable riches of Christ.

Now I ask if there reigns a king upon his throne that is so lordly, so large a man as that poor, sweating Moravian, who, for the sake of serving these poor, miserable, dying slaves in the field, sold himself into like estate to preach the riches of Christ.—Henry Ward Beecher.



THE SOUTHERN PARK, DRIVEWAY LOOKING NORTH.

the visitor through a splendid grove of oaks, chestnuts, maples, beeches, etc. A little lake to cover about 10 acres of land is contemplated and its location and defined outlines are such as to make it especially effective. Only a small portion of Hartford residents are acquainted today with the South Park lands, and fewer yet are aware of the possibilities they offer towards the development of an extremely beautiful park. A visit and stroll throughout the park even in its present undeveloped condition will surely be a pleasant surprise to all who take the time to go there.

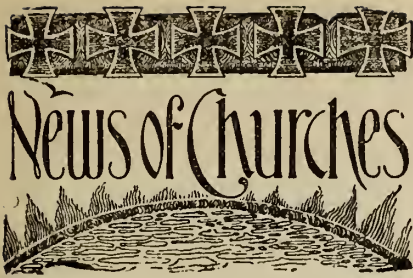
Besides these large park areas Hartford has a number of smaller parks in different parts of the city, such as Barnard Park, Sigourney Square, and several more, and they all help to beautify the section of the city in

construction of other independent parkways is contemplated. It will take years and years to carry out all that has been carefully studied and arranged to make the Hartford system of parks as complete as it possibly can be made. At its present state of development Hartford can favorably compare its parks with those of any city of its size, and when once completed it will stand at the very head of the list, outshining many a city of double its population and importance.

A Moravian Christian heard of the sufferings of the West India slaves, and desired to be a missionary to them; but when he reached them, he found that they were driven to the field so early, and came home so late, that there was no life or strength in them to listen to his instructions; neither did

"One of the most interesting careers in the history of Ceylon is that of Miss Agnew. Led as a young woman to offer herself for service, she came to Ceylon and lived there forty-three years without returning home. She taught in her boarding-school over 1,000 girls. The people called her "mother," the "mother of a thousand daughters." More than 600 girls of that school made profession of their faith in Christ. More than 40 Bible women who were taught by Miss Agnew are now at work in Ceylon."

The Chinese Recorder states that the Presbyterian Mission press of Shanghai has recently issued a revised list of Protestant missionaries in China. The total is 2,818, of whom 566 are ordained ministers and 858 are unmarried women.



ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL.

The Rector's Aid Society gave a very attractive supper on Monday evening. "The Girls' Friendly Society" was well attended Tuesday evening.

The Boys' Brigade meet on Fridays at 7:30.

The Ladies' Missionary society meets the first week in November.

The vested choir fills the enlarged chancel and we never had better singing.

SOUTH PARK METHODIST.

Our pastor's family have returned from their summer home at Twin Lakes.

The Christian Endeavor society has resumed its meeting and is planning the winter's work.

The Junior Endeavor society under the leadership of Mrs. E. S. Ferry have resumed their meetings.

The Young Woman's Home Missionary and Young Woman's Foreign Missionary Circle have held their first meetings and planned their fall work.

The Ladies' Aid society met the 26th of September and reorganized. After the meeting tea was served. They are planning a "Rummage Sale" in the near future, and desire a generous contribution of cast off clothing and furniture from all their friends.

Sept. 30th was observed as rally day for the Sunday school. A special program was arranged with short address, exercises by the primary class and music by the orchestra.

FIRST BAPTIST.

Rev. Dr. A. J. Sage of Cincinnati, one of our former pastors, preached to us Sunday morning, October 7th. He was welcomed among us with a great deal of pleasure and a large congregation listened to his sermon, which was impressive and profitable to all.

The First Baptist Monthly appears this month in a new cover of neat and attractive design.

Rally day was observed last Sunday by many schools in this city. We will observe ours a little later than usual this year, on October 21st. Several changes will take place this month in our corps of teachers. Some have moved away, others have felt obliged to relinquish their classes, for the present at least, because of sickness. It is expected that all the classes will be provided for by rally day.

The entertainment committee has already begun plans for an entertainment to be given at the close of the third quarterly business meeting, which will be held on Tuesday evening, December 11. The entertainment will be given at the church.

We were glad to have Dr. Barbour with us on a recent Sunday evening and listened with interest to his reminiscences of the days when he was a

young man in our church, doing the work we are delegated to do now.

On Tuesday evening September 18th, a large representation of the association's active membership was present at a "melon party" which had been arranged by our entertainment committee at the house of Mrs. Dorothy Lindsley, corner of the Boulevard and Main street, West Hartford.

This was preceded by our second quarterly business meeting which was held in the parlors of the house shortly after eight o'clock. Some thirty of the members were present, and judging from the heartiness with which they entered into the deliberations of the meeting, we can be said to have had a most interesting business meeting.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL,
EAST HARTFORD.

Rev. William B. Tuthill, who has been acting pastor since last December, has been extended a call to be installed as pastor, and has accepted the call. During the year he has been among us both he and Mrs. Tuthill have made many warm friends.

Mr. A. W. Driggs, our musical director, gave an organ recital Sept. 26, assisted by Mr. Hawley our organist and Miss Katherine Thompson, contralto. It was very successful and he has arranged another for the 17th.

Our Sunday school took its annual excursion Sept. 29, going down the river on the steamer Summer Girl. It was a fine day and proved one of the most enjoyable outings the school has ever had.

The Sunday school rally day was observed Oct. 7 with special services. Prof. Beardslee of the Hartford Seminary gave an address and taught the lesson of the day, and an orchestra assisted in the music.

OPEN HEARTH.

The fall season and the approach of colder weather materially increases the good work of the Open Hearth and it is a gratifying circumstance that many who were last winter through the instrumentality of the mission led to a better life have returned for a short sojourn and show by their appearance and conversation that the work was a permanent one and that they have persevered in their determination and are really changed in their lives.

The colder weather will bring an additional work and Superintendent Miller, who has labored so unceasingly through the summer season, is ready and willing to spend time and labor for the good of all who will come within his influence. No one can fully estimate the good done and the many evidences in the lives of those who are known only show a small part of the effects of the work. For the last two Sunday evenings we have been delighted by the services of Mr. Northrop who has assisted Superintendent Miller by playing the cornet and rendering several pieces which have been listened to by the large numbers present with delight.

The gospel wagon work will be continued as long as the weather is favorable and has been productive of much good as is attested by personal acknowledgments of those benefited.

The sand yard and croquet ground

will continue open until winter sets in and the children and some of the larger growth who are lookers on and love to see the little ones at their sport feel their benefits.

The flag drill for the children on Thursday evenings always draws a crowd and the parents are as much interested as the children. It is a pleasing sight to see the boys and girls marching around the room with the flag of our country and singing hymns which attest that Christians are in fact, or at least should be, soldiers of Christ.

Superintendent Miller is now in need of clothing for distribution to deserving persons and friends of the work cannot do better than assist in this way. Shoes and underclothing are especially needed. A postal card sent to the superintendent will be attended to and a messenger from the mission will call for the goods donated.

WINDSOR CONGREGATIONAL.

The Poquonock Endeavor society held a union meeting with our Endeavor society at our chapel, Sunday evening, Sept. 23.

Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 3rd, the Ladies' Missionary society and the Junior Endeavor society held their annual thank offering meeting and the same afternoon the Ladies' Sewing society held its first meeting of the season.

In the death of Mr. Frederick Ford our church has lost a valuable member.

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL.

The Sunday school has resumed its appearance of activity. Nearly all the teachers are to be found in their places and the attendance of scholars has resumed nearly its normal figure.

The Young People's society has held some very interesting meetings this month. Strangers are welcome at these meetings and we desire to see as many new faces as possible both from among our own people and such others as desire to meet for a brief devotional service Sabbath evenings. Meetings are at 6:45.

The Young People's meeting Oct. 7 was given up to the King's Daughters and was led by Miss Arline Northam. It was one of the most deeply spiritual meetings our society has ever held. Oct. 14 will be a missionary meeting and it is expected that consideration will be given to the American Board's work in Japan.

At the Thursday evening prayer meeting Oct. 4th Dr. Parker submitted a number of impartial testimonials to the value of Christian missions in China, including the statements of former American ministers to China and other leading diplomats.

SECOND ADVENT.

Our church life has been filled the past month with varied experiences, some sad, some glad.

With sorrow we chronicle the death Sept. 6th of another aged and greatly valued member, Mrs. Judith Stillman of Wethersfield, aged nearly 92 years.

September 12th Mrs. Marion White of Belchertown, Mass., was with us to present the needs of India. Her lecture was illustrated by the stereopticon.

September 17th we were pleased to

receive Rev. J. A. Cargile of Alabama, one of our southern missionary clergymen, who gave us an interesting talk.

September 20 we were visited by Miss Josephine Rand, who came to give a reading; her selection being from her own pen, "Sardis and the Spirit Guest."

September 25th Rev. C. H. Sweet of Winsted was present at our Loyal Workers' meeting, and led the service.

The Loyal Workers' society took in one new member October 7th.

NEW BRITAIN AVE. MISSION.

The Mission is beginning to have all its branches in good working order again.

The King's Daughters gave a birthday party on the evening of October 2nd. They expect to send delegates to the convention to be held at Norwich October 10th.

The Ladies' Aid society is to have its first meeting Friday afternoon, October 12th.

The Bible class of Mr. Henry House has lost a faithful and earnest Christian in Mrs. Isaac Whiting whose death took place October 3rd. She was the mother of Mrs. House.

Miss Agard, the choirleader, arranged a song service for Sunday evening, Sept. 30th. Some beautiful selections were given.

FOURTH CONGREGATIONAL.

Rally day has come and gone. Now the various societies are getting to work. The special features of that day were: A "Get to Work" sermon by the pastor; a united school service with addresses by Messrs. W. B. Mucklow and George F. Kellogg, and a musical evening service. The last was the best attended, about 800 being present to enjoy the musical treat by the choir under Mr. Benedict's able leadership.

The church's social side has not lagged at all the past month. The Young Men's Bible class having held a melon social at Wethersfield at which their ardent spirits triumphed over adverse conditions.

In the Sunday school sundry changes have taken place. Mr. W. B. Mucklow has given up his class to the regret of many, in order to give more time to superintendency of the adult department. His place as teacher is taken by Mr. Tyler, who is an excellent teacher. Mr. Fisher of the seminary has taken hold of the young men's class.

In the intermediate department a children's choir has been formed.

The primary department is flourishing to the delight of all. A cradle roll is being prepared. New song rolls are to be used. Superintendent and teachers are eager to have the best.

Christian Endeavor in the two societies is getting together for fall work. In both societies there is an earnest desire for better things.

Sunday evening, Oct. 7th Rev. H. H. Kelsey began a special series of lecture sermons on the achievements of the century. The first text was upon "Doings In Science." The second is to trace development in mechanics. The whole series will give a suggestive, if brief, sketch of the great movements of the century.

Projected plans are a meeting for boys, another for girls under 14 years of age, a normal class, or teachers' primary class, to be started about

Nov. 1st; a game room for use of teachers and classes.

A very pleasant feature during the month was a surprise social and presentation to Mrs. Kelsey on her return home.

Over 100 ladies and gentlemen took part in the gathering and a very pleasant social evening was spent at the parsonage.

Mr. Clayton Hotchkiss, one of Mr. Benedict's organ pupils, has had a position in a church at Winsted the past month.

Miss Jennie R. Dresser is back from Paris and was given a most enthusiastic reception by her class of young men, who now number about twenty.

SOUTH BAPTIST.

Our church machinery is again in full motion, the Sunday evening services having again been resumed. The Woman's Missionary society and the King's Daughters circle have also again taken up their work.

In September the King's Daughters enjoyed a pleasant outing at Elizabeth park when one of our most beloved members, Miss E. L. Smith, who is now living in New York, was with us for a short time. Our pastor was one of the speakers at the state C. E. convention held recently at Meriden.

The Bible school holds its rally Oct. 14. An enjoyable service is promised.

The renovation of our primary room is a marked improvement, the committee in charge are receiving congratulations on all sides.

The Junior Endeavor society has lost two valuable members, Harry Burr, the president, who is attending a military school at Worcester, Mass., and the treasurer, Helen Melcher, whose family have recently moved to Springfield, Mass.

THE SHELTER FOR WOMEN.

The past months have been filled with work.

Many girls have come to us needing a helping hand, some remaining with us for a number of weeks, others were placed in good positions.

Through the kindness of friends we were enabled to have numerous trolley rides that were greatly enjoyed.

The Flower mission of Wethersfield furnished beautiful flowers weekly which we distributed in the neighborhood.

Friends have made donations of fruit and vegetables.

The Sabbath afternoon services have been quite interesting. Rev. Mr. Talmage has very kindly assisted and other friends have helped with the music.

Mr. E. F. Jennison of Wethersfield has taken up the Sunday services again and we are glad to welcome him back.

Many improvements have been made in the Home, making it an attractive place to all who come here.

Our garden has been a bright spot to us and to those in our vicinity, and we have derived much pleasure in caring for it.

The girls have been employed in housework, laundry work, gardening and sewing.

The sales in our clothing bureau are large and many people are benefited by that branch of our work.

The public are invited to visit our Home at any time.

GLENWOOD CONGREGATIONAL.

On September 28th the Sunday school had its regular annual reception. A large number attended. October 3rd 17 of our young people signed an agreement to support a Christian Endeavor society. It is hoped we will reach 30. October 10th they are to meet to adopt a constitution and elect officers.

We are pleased to see so many are appreciating our services. The month of September showed a good increase in the attendance. May the present month do even better.

Through the kindness of the Ladies' Aid society we have a new flooring in our vestibule. It is an improvement.

On October 16th the church will be opened at 7:15 p. m. to receive all that desire a first class concert. This concert is to be given by our choir. The choirmaster has been unflinching in his labors to have this concert an excellent one. We hope that everyone who hears of it will come and bring another. We can predict that the program will be one long to be remembered on account of its excellence.

Ask about it if you are not "posted."

CENTER CONGREGATIONAL.

The Rev. Rockwell Harmon Potter was installed as pastor Thursday evening, October 4th. The services connected with the installation were interesting and impressive. Rev. Dr. E. P. Parker was moderator and Rev. Wm. DeLoss Love was scribe. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Dr. Gordon of Boston; the charge to the pastor by Rev. M. W. Jacobus, and the charge to the people by Dr. Parker. The right hand of fellowship was extended by Rev. Joseph H. Twitchell. A large number attended the services. There is much satisfaction over the settlement of the new pastor.

The improvements in the church interior are very marked and add greatly to its attractiveness and comfort.

A reception will be given in the church to the new pastor on Wednesday evening.

TRINITY CHURCH.

The Sunday school reassembled for the winter term September 16 with a large attendance of both teachers and scholars. The session was spent in having the plans for the winter explained. Each scholar present was given a Trinity church Sunday school button.

Sunday, October 7th, the school reached its high-water mark, so to speak, with an attendance of 190 scholars, exclusive of the Bible classes, teachers, officers or visitors, and with a collection of \$7.00.

This year a chart is hung on the wall, on which the attendance is shown in comparison with preceding sessions, by means of lines drawn each Sunday.

A framed roll of honor is also to be used as in many of our other churches. It is now hung in the rear of the room.

The school has recently purchased a stereopticon from a local firm and had its first entertainment Sept. 27, when Mr. Rees took us on "A Trip South" to places he himself has visited. Our school soloist, Miss May Rizy, sang The Holy City and Suwanee River, accompanied by Miss Rees on the piano.

Much amusement was caused when Mr. Rees took us into the Eden Musee, and then threw onto the wall a picture of some of our own scholars from a slide of his own making.

The next entertainment will be Thursday, Oct. 25th, when we will see and hear "How Columbus Found America," being a humorous selection.

All scholars perfect in behavior and attendance for the preceding four weeks are admitted free. All others, and as many outsiders as care to come, are charged ten cents.

The parish library is now ready for use, and is open Friday afternoons at 3:30 and at the same hour Sundays.

Much credit is due to Mr. E. J. Cleveland, Jr., the librarian, who has had the matter in charge.

The Girls' Friendly society meets Monday evenings in the Guild room, where they will be pleased to welcome the young women of the parish to their work. Wednesday, Oct. 17th, they are to entertain the delegates to the state convention, which meets in our church on that date, when they hope for many volunteers to help them in their big undertaking. In the evening at eight o'clock there will be a public meeting, at which Bishop Brewster will make an address and Rev. Arthur Gammack of New Haven will preach.

Mr. Walter Mitchell has been appointed secretary of the school to fill a vacancy.

ST. PAUL'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Sunday school rally day was observed Oct. 7th. There was a goodly attendance notwithstanding the lowering condition of the weather.

Mr. Fred Lewis of 23 Greenwood street, one of our Sunday school boys, has enlisted in the army. He is a veteran of the Spanish war. His destination will be the Orient.

The date for the dedication of our new church has been finally fixed for Sunday, December 2nd. The Rev. Dr. George P. Mains of the Methodist publishing house of Eaton & Mains, New York, will preach in the morning and the dedication sermon will probably be preached by Bishop Daniel A. Goodsell, of Chattanooga, Tenn., in the afternoon. Bishop Goodsell was a former New England pastor, and has many Hartford friends who will be glad to greet him again. The afternoon service will be the most elaborate in order to meet the wish of many of the friends of St. Paul's church who have expressed a desire to be present at the dedicatory exercises, and who could not well leave the services of their own churches in the city, if the dedicatory exercises were to occur at the time for the regular Sunday services. In the evening the Rev. John E. Adams, D. D., of New Haven, presiding elder of this district, will preach the sermon. The church will be a model of beauty and convenience, when the low cost is taken into consideration and the many friends of our church in this city who have promised to attend the dedication exercises will be agreeably surprised when they see what has been accomplished. (Be sure to note down Sunday, Dec. 2, as the date for you to attend the dedication).

The Ladies' Aid society have planned to hold a three days' bazaar in the basement and Sunday school room of the new church the last of November,

just after the decorators complete their work, and just before the dedication.

Special Evangelistic services will be held in the new church immediately after the dedication for two or three weeks. All the former pastors will be invited to be present and to speak at the beginning of the services, the first week in December. The Rev. Geo. William Carter of Seacliff, L. I., the Rev. W. H. Burgwin of New Haven, and the Rev. W. A. Sage, acting secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in this city. The two latter were in charge but a little while each, for the church has but a brief history.

We are glad to welcome back to Hartford Mr. J. B. Whelan, who has been for some months in Philadelphia. In partnership with Mr. James Mayo, he has opened a market on Park street.

WARBURTON CHAPEL.

The work for the season is now fairly begun with the girls and boys' classes and clubs, the sewing and dress-making classes, and the Sunday evening meetings.

The month's work in the kindergarten has been full of interest.

The teachers held their first meetings for this season on October 2.

The attendance in the Sunday school since the opening of the public school has been larger than last year. Seven new scholars came to us in September.

At a meeting of the lady teachers held recently it was decided to hold the mothers' meetings again this season, the first one to be given next week with Miss Rose Hopkins and Mrs. H. Tracy as committee.

UNITY CHURCH.

The church was opened Sept. 9, after a vacation during the summer months. The first three Sundays Mr. Waite gave us a very interesting series of sermons on the situation in China. On Oct. 7 he exchanged with the Rev. W. W. Peck of Chicopee, who preached an interesting discourse on "The Joys of Living."

On Oct. 3rd and 4th the annual meeting of the Connecticut valley conference was held at the church. On the evening of Oct. 3rd a religious service was held at which the Rev. Samuel A. Eliot of Boston, President of the American Unitarian Association, preached the sermon. On the morning of Oct. 4th, the conference assembled in business session at 10 o'clock, at which reports were read and officers were elected. This was followed by a general discussion of the topic, "The Apparent Decline in Religious Interest During the Last Quarter Century," at which papers were read by the Rev. G. C. Cressey of Northampton, Rev. J. D. Reid of Greenfield, and Rev. W. E. Lane of Rockville. Dinner was served at 1 o'clock in the lower hall. The afternoon was devoted to the discussion of the theme, "Our Main Business,—a. In the Pulpit; b. In the Parish; c. In the Community". The speakers were Rev. F. L. Phalen of Worcester, Rev. N. Seaver of Pittsfield and Rev. E. P. Pressey of Montague.

The first meeting of the Charitable society was held Sept. 27 but the winter's work is still undecided upon. The Woman's Alliance has also resumed meetings.

Sunday school resumed sessions Sept.

9. Mrs. S. J. Crane has resigned her post as teacher, a position she held continuously for twelve years. Mrs. Waite has resigned the kindergarten class and her place has been taken by Miss Gail Kingsley. Mr. W. S. Friebe, librarian, has gone to Arizona on account of his health, and his duties have been assumed by Mr. F. M. Mather.

ASYLUM HILL CONGREGATIONAL.

Our Sunday school resumed its sessions on Sept. 9th, after a two months' vacation, with commendable interest on the part of both teachers and pupils. The young people's meeting was also resumed and was carried on largely by the college students who were at home on vacation for three Sundays. This is a feature of the meeting which our pastor makes conspicuous during all the college vacations, and it serves to keep the young men in touch with our church life to their own and our profit.

On the last Sunday of the month we had a spirited address from Miss James, a young colored girl formerly of this city, but now a teacher in the Whittier school, an adjunct of Hampton Normal Institute of Virginia, to the cost of whose education we had contributed.

We have been favored with the ministrations of our pastor during the entire summer, and although the congregations were small, they were very appreciative. Later we shall be orphaned, as he expects to sail for Europe on Oct. 21st, accompanied by his daughter, who has just graduated from the Hartford Training School for Nurses.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST.

Our people are entering into the work of the fall and winter with renewed interest.

Neighborhood prayer meetings are being held in different parts of this section of the city. Two are held on each Tuesday evening, different leaders for each week being appointed by our pastor. These meetings are especially for prayer, in preparation for special meetings later on.

The musical part of the church service is much improved by our new organ which was dedicated Friday evening, October 5, when a concert was given at the church Mr. John M. Gallup, organist, and the choir of the South Congregational church kindly gave their services. They were assisted by a violinist, a reader, and two pianists. A piece rendered by the organ and piano together was especially pleasing. All who attended felt well repaid for going. On Sunday there was special music, both morning and evening, by a chorus of thirteen voices. The organ is a Voelation of very sweet tone. Its appearance is much like a pipe organ. It is well suited to our use and as a whole is very satisfactory.

The B. Y. P. U. whose service during the summer was united with the regular evening service, has resumed its regular hour of meeting at 6:15. The first two meetings have been full of interest. Thanks are due to our music committee, for their faithful work in always preparing some special music for the meetings of the union.

Some of our young people are planning for a "Rummage Sale" to be held in a few weeks.

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TO THE WORK!

"To the work! To the work! We are servants of God." The words of the hymn are familiar to us all, and we sing them often with more or less enthusiasm and sincerity, but it is to be feared that we have almost forgotten their stirring summons during the past few months. As "servants of God," most of us have set very easy tasks for ourselves of late. It is high time now to sing the hymn with new enthusiasm, and a purpose to heed its call by settling down to hard and practical work for the Master.

It has been said that twice during the year man feels the need of rest—just before his vacation and again immediately after, but if the vacation has been properly spent, this aftermath of rest should be dispensed with, and the Christian should come home to work.

The suspension of church work is now a marked feature of the vacation period, and effects not only church attendance, but also to a very large degree, spiritual life. This requires a summons to increased activity and aggressiveness in the remaining months

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of the year. Greater faithfulness, full consecration, more earnest praying and working, larger giving, should mark the months to come, to make up for the loss many churches have suffered in these summer months. If ground has been lost, let us make haste to recover it. If spiritual life has been lost, let us at once seek new life and inspiration at the source of all life. If plans have not already been made for the present and future work, let the plans be laid and the work progress at once. Let each set for himself a definite task and by God's life, do it. Yet let us work together, too, all for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom and the spreading of His word. To the work, every one!

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There is no remedy for time misspent; No healing for the waste of idleness, Whose very languor is a punishment Heavier than active souls can feel or guess.

—Sir A. De Vere.

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RALLY DAY.

To a marked extent the Sunday schools have suffered during the vacation period. Pupils as well as teachers have been scattered, and the schools so depleted that it has often been a struggle to maintain an effective organization. The lessons have been neglected by those away, and therefore much ground must be recovered before systematic teaching can again proceed. Many who return, having had the habit of attendance broken up, fail to find their way back to their classes, and it is often late in the autumn before the school again gets back to normal conditions.

In recent years it has been found very helpful in restoring these normal conditions, to institute a Rally Day. Officers, teachers and scholars can all be utilized to make this occasion the banner day of the year, and instead of a long drawn out effort to get the scholars back into line again, it can largely be accomplished with one determined effort, all working together. God speed the Rally Days this fall, and may the dawning century find all our Sunday schools in a healthy and flourishing condition.

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Unused tools will become rusty, while those that are doing the work for which they are made will keep bright. Thus it is with the mind. If it is not used, it rusts; but kept busy with that which is good, it increases in brightness and beauty, and becomes fitted for larger and better things.

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THE COAL STRIKE.

The great coal strike which has been inaugurated in Pennsylvania is a very great and serious calamity. As for the merits of the case, there is no doubt that the striking miners have long submitted to conditions which most of us would find utterly intolerable does this strike inflict upon their families. The mine owners probably feel that they are justified in standing out against the claims of the miners, or of most of their claims, yet in an industry which so widely affects so many other industries, and such a multitude of individuals, arbitration should have been made compulsory from the start by the state. The same principle which warrants laws to protect minor children and women workers in factories, will apply to conditions which produce strikes. It is to be hoped that the present strike will speedily end, and employers and employees will come to see the advantages of arbitration in settling differences, and either willingly or by constraint adopt it.

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Rather do what is nothing to the purpose than be idle, that the Devil may find thee doing. The bird that sits is easily shot, when fliers escape the fowler. Idleness is the Dead Sea that swallows all the virtues, and the self-made sepulchre of a living man.—Quarles.

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IN CHINA.

The missionaries in China and their supporters at home have been greatly disturbed and discouraged by recent events in that great country, but then after all, the record the past thirty years has been such, that when peace is again established the work can again be taken up with assurance of great ultimate success.

Fifty years ago all the Christians in China met in one room. Now there are fifty thousand. During the last thirty years they have increased 1,800 per cent. If they keep on increasing at the same ratio, the next ninety years will give us 291,600,000 Christians in China.

In view of this record should Christians indulge in pessimistic views of missionary work in China?

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Then bless thy secret growth, nor catch

At noise, but thrive unseen and dumb;

Keep clean, bear fruit, earn life, and watch

Till the white-winged reapers come.

—H. Vaughan.

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THE TEMPERANCE CAUSE.

The cause of temperance makes steady progress, notwithstanding so many evidences of intemperance on every hand. There's plenty of work to do yet in this field, and more workers are urgently needed, yet those who are now battling against intemperance are making some progress.

While the state elections showed but a very slight increase in the number of no-license towns, it is a cause for congratulation that the gain was not on the other side.

Chauncey M. Depew says that drunkenness has greatly decreased among railroad men. In the New York Central service twenty years ago the aggregate proportion of men discharged for drunkenness was twenty per cent., but now with 30,000 men in the employ of the company, less than one per cent. is dropped from the rolls for that cause.

Railroads have little use for intemperate men, and gradually other lines of business are closing to them also.

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Obedience must be the struggle and desire of our life. Obedience, not hard and forced, but ready, loving, and spontaneous; the doing of duty, not merely that the duty may be done, but that the soul in doing it may become capable of receiving and uttering God. —Phillips Brooks.

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The state Christian Endeavor convention at Meriden was a very interesting and profitable occasion, and largely attended. Hartford, as usual, was well represented and the delegates brought home some very interesting reports to their respective societies.

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Now that the subject of a new police patrol wagon is up for discussion, let us agitate for a covered vehicle. The scenes which are so often witnessed as the present patrol passes through the street, with its blood-stained or mud stained drunken man or woman, is degrading both to the spectator and to the unfortunate and involuntary actor.

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What has become of the "Federation of Churches in Hartford"? As a working organization it is imperatively needed, and it is greatly to be hoped that it will soon make its presence known and felt in our midst.

What wonders might be wrought in redeeming the world from sin if every Christian were filled with the same spirit for doing good which possessed the Japanese convert who put upon his door every morning the following notice: "I am a Christian, and if anyone likes to go in and read my good Book while I am out, he may."

BUSINESS AND PLEASURE.

"I have it on good authority," said the society reporter, "that Mrs. Bloogore, who has been summering at Lenox, will winter in Florida."

"Then," remarked the sporting editor, "if she decides to spring on the Pacific Coast, she'll probably fall in Texas."—Harper's Bazar.

Dr. S. L. G. Crane, 8 State street, makes a specialty of the study and practice of painless dentistry and he has had marked success so far. This office is well known as the oldest dental office in the state, and one which has always had the confidence of the citizens of Hartford, and out of town people as well.

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"A Miss Jones, of Philadelphia."

"You always did like the name 'Jones.' You used to tag around after a little snub-nosed Jones girl when we went to school together."

"Yes; she's the girl I married." — Detroit Free Press.

W. W. Hunt & Co., 24 State St., carry a large assortment of nursery stock this fall, and furnish men to do the planting.

At the Centennial American Tea Company, 575 Main street, can be procured the finest flavored teas and coffees on the market. By their system of checks many useful presents can be obtained.

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Mr. Brown-Robinson — I give one every Wednesday and Sunday evening to the young man who calls on my daughter. The poor chap doesn't dare refuse them.—Exchange.

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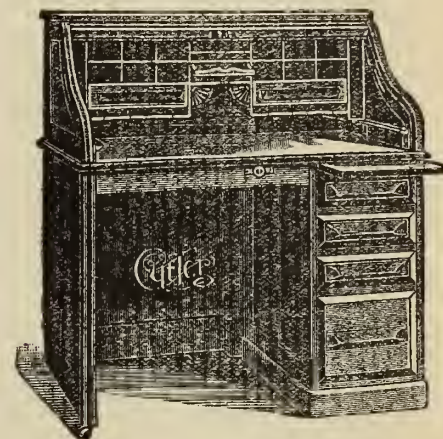
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ADDITIONAL CHURCHES.

NEWINGTON CONGREGATIONAL.

This Sunday school gave \$5.00 to aid in building a chapel at Wilson's Station.

A small table has been furnished to all the Sunday school classes that desire them.

Rev. Herbert Macey and family spent their vacation camping out on Griswold's Island, near Crescent Beach.

Rev. Messrs. Beadle, Forbes and Francis occupied the pulpit during Mr. Macey's absence.

The Young Women's Foreign Missionary society are going to take up the study of Japan this year, beginning Oct. 23.

The Sunday school held its rally day on Sept. 30. The chapel was tastefully decorated in green and white. Also each class table had a bouquet of nasturtiums.

The C. E. will hold a business meeting and social on Friday evening, October 5.

The Ladies' Sewing society are making a quilt. They expect soon to send a box of clothing and bedding to a family in the west.

ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL.

The annual meeting of the parish guild was held at the rectory on Wednesday evening, Sept. 26th, and was well attended. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Wm. F. Whitteley; first vice-president, Miss Lydia Mather; second vice-president, Mrs. R. H. Burton; secretary and treasurer, R. H. Burton; assistant secretary, Mrs. E. H. Crosby. After the business meeting light refreshments were served, and there was music and a pleasant social hour enjoyed by all.

The first Sunday in October Mr. Warner was assisted by his friend the Rev. A. P. Chapman, who made the communion address, and also talked to the children at the monthly Sunday school service at 4 p. m. At the close of the afternoon service the boys were addressed by Mr. Thurber, in regard to organizing a chapter of the Junior St. Andrew's Brotherhood.

The Young People's club will meet in the parish house to reorganize for the winter's work on Wednesday evening, October 10th.

BLOOMFIELD METHODIST.

During the extensive repairs which are now being made upon the interior of our church. All services are held in the small lecture room. In some respects this has proven helpful and some good services have been held. The refitting of the church will include new metal ceilings for the auditorium and lecture room, frescoing and painting and other minor improvements.

The efforts made to raise the necessary funds have been fairly successful and it is hoped that the whole expense will be met. The people as a whole have responded well with contributions and the work should prove a blessing in that it will arouse interest in the church among those who have hitherto seemed uninterested. Each organization of the church has taken hold of the matter with zeal and the Ladies' Aid society, Sunday school, Gleaners and Y. P. S. C. E. have all made a good

payment on the repair fund. The Y. P. S. C. E. is much indebted to the Young People's societies of the First Methodist, South Park and North Methodist churches of Hartford who showed their good will and kindly interest by furnishing an entertainment Wednesday evening, Oct. 3rd, in Academy hall, by which \$30 was contributed to the fund. About 75 came out via hay wagons and bicycles and constituted a good part of the audience. The program, which consisted of music and readings, assisted by Joseph Muldoon, was most excellent and well deserved the repeated encores which it received. After the program a good time was enjoyed at the church where refreshments were served.

Special rally services were held Sunday, Oct. 6th, which were well attended. Several united with the church on probation and into full membership. The school assembled at noon, at which the program included special singing and a fine talk about the home department, by the superintendent, our pastor's wife. A talk on the "Ideal Sunday School" by the pastor and a paper on "The Sunday School Library" by Miss Hattie D. Miller, in which the subject was well handled.

OLIVET BAPTIST.

Our Sunday school will hold its annual rally on the last Sunday of this month. We are trying very hard to reach a regular attendance of one hundred and fifty by that time.

On Friday evening, Oct. 5th, the Evangelical circle gave a "harvest supper," realizing between \$25 and \$30.

On Wednesday evening, Oct. 10th, there will be a lecture illustrated by stereopticon views on "Famine in India." All of the churches in the place are invited to attend.

Our organist and choir director, H. W. Newton, has organized a "Junior choir" among the Junior C. E. members. We hope that it will be a decided success. We are hoping and praying for the manifestation of God's spirit in our midst during the coming months.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Sunday, Sept. 30th, at the Sunday school service Bishop Atwell of western Missouri made a missionary address which was very interesting.

The Daughters of the King have resumed their meetings on Monday evenings. They have taken up the study of the Bible.

The Girl's Friendly society held their first meeting since vacation Tuesday, Oct. 2nd, with an attendance of fifteen members. They are planning for an active season of work.

The Men's League are to resume their meetings on Thursday, October 18th, when Prof. Edwards of Trinity college will lecture on "Travels in Mexico." The plan is to have monthly meetings with a talk or lecture and a social time and lunch after. The meetings will be held on the third Thursdays of each month.

On Sunday October 7th a change was made in the singing at the Sunday services. The regular quartet was augmented by the former Sunday school vested choir.

The vested choir will no longer sing at Sunday school services only but will with the quartet render all music on

Sundays.

It is hoped by so doing to have the congregation join more in the singing of the chants and hymns.

A new hymnal will soon be adopted to take the place of the Tucker hymnal.

The rector's family have had an anxious time for the past three weeks owing to the illness of their youngest daughter, Elizabeth. It is believed that the crisis has passed but the child is very weak yet.

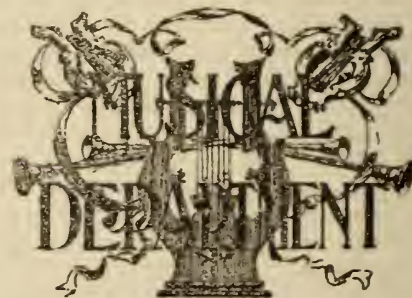
WETHERSFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

The Sunday evening services are being well attended since the pastor has been giving lectures on "Early Story of Congregationalists."

A Sunday school teachers' meeting has been started, having met with the pastor a month ago and will hereafter meet at the chapel once a month.

September 30th was observed as rally day by the Sunday school. The pastor preached a special sermon in the morning, followed by special exercises and roll call in the chapel at 12 o'clock. There was a large attendance, many of the classes having every member present.

At 4 o'clock October 7th Mrs. Clark will meet the young people between the ages of 12 and 15 to form a class to study the "Truths of the Christian Life."



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Questions on musical subjects of general interest will be answered in this department.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Mr. Alex. Lambert, a well known pianist and successful teacher, gives advice to piano students in regard to the study of the piano that is valuable, and, as it will answer questions frequently asked, we give it for the benefit of our many young readers. He says:

"Always practice systematically. Rarely practice over four hours a day. Don't think that by practicing six or seven hours a day you will become a greater artist than he who practices four hours a day. Your fingers cannot stand so long a strain, and if you persist, they will take their revenge a few years later, when your fingers will begin to lose their strength and surety. A student who cannot accomplish much in four hours, will not in six. Divide your hours by practicing thus: One hour and a half in the morning, the same in the afternoon, and one hour in the evening.

"In the morning, devote half an hour to five-finger exercises and scales; half an hour to your etudes and half an hour to your sonata or piece. Do the same in the afternoon. The four

in the evening may be devoted to reviewing your last lesson.

"Do not practice your whole lesson every day; divide it into equal parts. You can learn one page a day, where you could not learn two or three.

"Always practice slowly and carefully. If you come across a difficult passage, practice it with each hand separately, repeating the passage at first slowly and with strength, and then faster and more softly until you have mastered it.

"As soon as you feel the least tired, stop and rest. Finger cramps, sprained wrists, etc., are often the result of carelessness. It suffices to practice a few minutes with a tired wrist to incapacitate you from using your arm for weeks.

"Learn from the beginning to listen to yourself. This is too often overlooked. Listen to yourself as though you were listening to another. You will thus avoid many faults.

"Take care while practicing that your arm and wrist feel perfectly easy. As soon as you feel it stiffening, it is a sign that you are not practicing properly.

"Practice with as much strength as you can with a loose wrist.

"Always sit straight, with shoulders thrown well back, and far enough away from the piano to be able to move your arms with perfect freedom.

"Do not endeavor to practice with expression before having mastered your piece technically."

Mr. P.—Hartford.

The celebrated string quartet that played the Beethoven quartets under that master's direction was known as the Rasumovski quartet. At one time the organization was as follows:

1st violin, Schuppanzigh.

2nd violin, Rasumovski.

Viola, Weiss.

Violoncello, Lincke.

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The Count died in 1836, Schuppanzigh died in 1830, Weiss died in 1830, Lincke died in 1837, Mayseder died in 1863.

MUSICAL ITEMS.

If conductors of music in the churches where The Review circulates will forward to the editor any items of general interest concerning church music, it will be appreciated, and will be duly acknowledged.

Park church is to have its organ improved.

The Fourth church began the fall services with an interesting program of music.

The Episcopal churches of Hartford are doing their best with boy choirs. Musically it is not a success. Financially it probably is a success. The day will come when the obstreperous boy will be relegated to a safe place in the pew with his parents, and young women with their beautiful voices will give dignity and add a charm to the lovely choral service of the Episcopal church.

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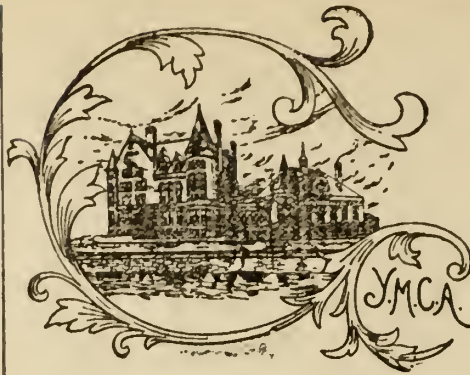
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Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Noel H. Jacks, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in Oakland, Cal., has been elected secretary of the association in this city and will assume the duties of the position January 1, 1901. Mr. Jacks is a native of the Pacific coast and was converted in San Francisco under the preaching of Mr. Moody, the evangelist. He became assistant secretary of the San Francisco Association under H. J. McCoy, one of the ablest secretaries in the country, and had a valuable training, lasting for three years under Mr. McCoy. He was secretary for five years at Portland, Oregon, and has been at Oakland for the same length of time. The international committee considers Mr. Jacks one of the best secretaries on the western coast. Mr. Jacks was in Hartford at the time of the Secretaries' Convention here, a few years ago, and is familiar with the building and equipment of the Hartford Association. He is 37 years of age and has a wife and three children. The negotiations in regard to his coming to Hartford has been in progress for a month. Colonel Charles A. Jewell received a dispatch from Mr. Jacks Saturday evening, accepting the secretaryship.

W. A. Sage, who is the acting secretary of the association, will discharge the duties of the office during the rest of the year. It is expected that his services will be retained in an important department of the association.

CITY MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

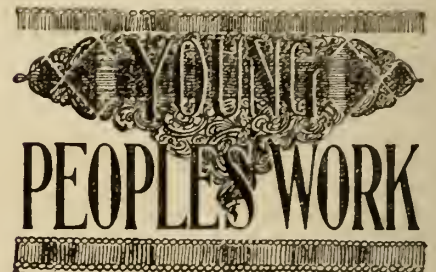
The Morgan street Sunday school opened Sept. 16th, at 2:30 p. m., after a vacation of seven weeks. We are in great need of teachers, seven having been obliged to leave on account of sickness and absence from the city. We are looking for teachers who are glad to work for Christ in a hard place. Mrs. Adams is at the chapel Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 4 to 5 p. m. to receive deposits in the "Penny Provident Fund."

Mr. Gillette is in the City Mission office every day from 9 to 11 a. m. except Saturday. Some come for temporal aid. Of the families helped the past year 41 are now self sustaining. In some of these cases where intemperance was the cause of the poverty, men have been induced to give up that life and accept Christ, and are living today sober, temperate lives. Many are seek-

ing employment and work has been found for a goodly number. Clothing is sometimes given, and we are in need of the same just now.

But the main desire is to do a spiritual work and we always seek by counsel and prayer to bring everyone to the "Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world."

At the Mission Building we have given 150 nights' lodging. All but 27 were paid for. We have had a pretty good class of men, as a whole. We are more than glad to help the deserving; but equally willing to withhold from the undeserving. We received a generous load of wood from the "Open Hearth" at cost, for which we are very thankful.



CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR PRAYER MEETING TOPICS.

(From the Presbyterian C. E. Manual.)

Oct. 14.—Paul the Missionary; the Secret of His Success.—2 Tim. 4:1-8.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

Paul one day saw Jesus, and that made him a missionary.

Paul was a brave man; only such are used to speak God's great messages.

Paul's power was purchased by prayer.

Because he desired great things for God, Paul did great things for men.

Without the Spirit there can be no success in missions.

Paul was a man with a purpose, and no persecution could prevail against him.

Great lives are God's invitations.

Paul cared little for Paul, but everything for Paul's Master.

The motive for missions is the love for Christ.

October 21.—Our Stewardship.—Luke 12:42-48.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

The life is a failure that does not accept God as its Lord.

Life itself is a charge for which account must be rendered.

It is not God's need but our need that calls for our gifts.

The faithless will be always friendless.

He who is true to his trust will be trusted more.

Some of us are poor because God dare not trust us with riches.

God asks back a part of his gift as our acknowledgment of himself as the Giver.

The new life is loving, because it has been born of love and into love.

Christ was always on duty.

In every person Christ saw a soul.

Jesus recognized man's kinship in sin and salvation as above difference of race.

October 28.—Do Not Worry.—Matt. 6: 25-34.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

Worry always weakens.
Worry steals from work.
Faith in God is the best cure for worry.
It is better to work and to wait than to worry.
Discontent is distrust.
God's power should give us peace.
God's goodness should make us glad.
Our impotence may be linked to God's omnipotence; why, then, worry?
If we cannot trust Christ for time, how can we trust him for eternity?
Every work of nature preaches a sermon on peace.
"Not failure, but low aim is crime."
Soul soil should be fertilized by much prayer.



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November 4. — Are You Doing Your Best?—Matt. 25:14-30.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

Less than our best is failure.
"Good enough" leads to worse.
Today's best can be bettered tomorrow.
In the day of reckoning the questions will be as to fidelity.
The one-talent man was a coward, and even God condemns a coward.
Only they grow better whose goal is best.
Every second-rate workman will be ashamed in the great day.
There are no circumstances that can prevent a Christian's spiritual growth.
Souls thrive best in the field of duty.

November 11.—A decision for Christ.—Luke 14:25-33.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

Decide for Christ and then be decided for him.
Christ stands with all who stand for him.
If Christ is worth anything he is worth everything.
Following Christ is a giving up, a taking up, a rising up, and a lifting up.
Downright loyalty helps to upright living.
The life of consecration is the only life of satisfaction.
They who will not stand up for Christ must stand against him.
Only when out and out for Christ can we be in and in with Christ.
Poor workmanship cheats the worker.
Possibility makes responsibility.



NERVOUS SYSTEM IN INFANCY.

During the first year of infancy the brain expands with mushroom-like velocity. This period of rapid growth is a practically quiescent one, so far as mental function is concerned.

The ideal care of infancy is very like that accorded to a thoroughbred colt or puppy. Systematic regularity rules the lives of these inferior beings in every detail of their management. The same systematic care is essential for securing to the child a stable and equable nervous organization. The infant's rest, sleep, food, exercise and bath should have at least as much care as is given to the same things in the case of the lower animals.

Freedom from excitement is a matter not sufficiently considered. To force a child into shrieks of laughter, for example, by grotesque sounds or sights, or by any means, while amusing to the unthinking looker-on, is detrimental to the best interests of the child. Placidity, although not so popular as liveliness in an infant, is a more desirable quality.

The bath is at once a means of exercise, and a tonic to the nervous system. In ordinary health it should not be too warm. The movements of the arms and legs, and even the cry, during the bath, are exercises of value.

From the very first the child should be put to bed with the intention that it shall need no further care until after awakening.

While rest and quiet are of great importance, the infant, during its waking hours, requires constant attention, although not of a nervous or violent sort. The evils of too much quiet are frequently seen in children's hospitals, where a child of inferior vigor lies quiet for hours at a time. The infant grows more and more languid, and comes to exert itself less and less; the appetite diminishes until food is refused altogether. The child may now sink into a condition of serious ill health. In cases of this kind the child must be taken up and carried about the ward several times a day, and encouraged to use its muscles.

During the early months and years the infant should receive the patient and gentle, yet systematic and regular, oversight of its mother; or better yet, if she is well, her personal attention.

During the period of rapid growth the infant needs only the physical aids which promote its bodily expansion. Demands upon its mental organization are strictly to be avoided.—The Youths Companion.

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The books, sermons and speeches of Reverend F. B. Meyer are known almost all over the world. The man himself is known and pleasantly remembered by the many who have attended the Conferences at Northfield, Mass. It seems strange that the face of a man so famous should be so unfamiliar, however, as it is to thousands of his admirers. On this page we present an excellent portrait of Dr. Meyer.

We are enabled to publish it through the courtesy of Messrs. Cassell & Company in whose magazine "The Quiver," it recently appeared, in connection with a very interesting and well illustrated article on "The Christian Endeavor World's Convention.



WOMAN'S WORK

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union held its annual meeting, Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 2. There were reports from the recording and corresponding secretaries, the treasurer, and superintendents of the following departments: Anti narcotics, evangelistic, literature, press work and Sunday school work. All these reports showed a decided gain in the interest taken in our work, and a better understanding of our aims and objects, by outsiders.

The meetings held in our city by Miss Jessie Ackerman were of great benefit to us, also the lecture by Dr. Crothers and the Bible reading by Mrs. J. K. Barney who is connected with prison work for the national union.

Our treasurer reported a gain in money over last year and the addition to our ranks of forty-five active and seven associate members.

The addition of members is due to the efforts of the union in the recent membership contest.

The two sides were closely contested, the winners being only two ahead. To all these new members a very cordial greeting is extended.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President—Mrs. C. B. Forbes.

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Vice-President—Mrs. Wm. Parker.

Secretary—Mrs. A. D. Cross.

Treasurer—Mrs. J. H. Spencer.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. H. K. Lee.

The Connecticut State convention will be held in Meriden Oct. 16, 17, 18.

This is the silver anniversary of the state union. All are welcome.

The next meeting of the Hartford union is postponed until Oct. 23.

Let this be a working year.

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WOMAN'S WORK NOTES.

The social status of the women of Mexico is a matter of undoubted interest to the women of our older republic. It receives careful consideration in an article by Senora Adelaide Vasquez Schiaffino, a native Mexican woman who has had opportunity to study the sex on both sides of the Rio Grande, which will appear in the November Woman's Home Companion.

A minister had his salary cut down one hundred dollars, a year or so ago (and this was in a Western church), because his wife wore a handsomer gown than some of the prominent women in the congregation. The reason was given openly, and the matter found its way into public print. The fact that the wife's wealthy aunt was the donor seemed to be of no consequence, and the poor woman herself, irritated and mortified at the publicity

given to her private affairs, succeeded in persuading her husband to withdraw from the ministry.—"A Minister's Wife," in the October Ladies' Home Journal.

Among the minor virtues probably the habit of self-control in speech holds the most important place in the life of a woman. The acquirement of this habit must begin early or it will never be attained save with great difficulty. It must be formed in girlhood if it is not well started in childhood. I have seen the happiness of many a fair life ruined by the want of power to suppress the word of bitterness even under what might be called "reasonable provocation." There are times when one's duty is to keep from talking. There are times when keeping still is wisdom, love, Christianity.—Ada C. Sweet in the October Woman's Home Companion.

An untold amount of real humiliation and suffering is inflicted upon men and women striving to serve God in the church, by a lack of appreciation of their point of view. Put yourself in their places. Would not you resent being an object of disapproval, or, when the case is bettered, an object of charity? Would you enjoy feeling that your hat, your coat, your dress and your children's clothes were matters of comment, and that the parish felt that the money paid your husband must be spent to please it and not yourself?—"A Minister's Wife," in the October Ladies' Home Journal.

The twenty-second annual report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society lies upon our table. The corresponding secretary, in reviewing the work from the arrival in Cuba of their first missionary, Miss Lochie Rankin, to the occupation of the extensive field now worked by a large and well-trained force of women, well says that "to the Christian who reads the past aright the morning of the century dawns with promise." In their home work, with 2,290 auxiliaries, the adult membership numbers 43,327. It is with gratification that we note the organization of 205 auxiliaries during the past year, and an increase in membership of 3,462. Sixty Bible women are supported by the members of the society.—Review of Missions.

There have been missionary boxes sent to the heroes and heroines of the church, fighting her battles in the van, that have done more harm than good, in hurt pride and damaged self-respect. To a lady and a gentleman—I use the terms advisedly—were sent clothing, old shoes, old hats, old collars, cravats, gloves, fit only for the rag-bag. Ashamed to send them anywhere else the donors sent them to the unknown missionaries, and as everything that came to the church to be sent was jammed in without care or discrimination, the arrival of the box partook of the nature of an insult to these heroic, gently bred people. Fortunately this state of affairs is not often found; it ought never to be.—"A Minister's Wife," in the October Ladies' Home Journal.

Speaking of three "cheers," I am reminded of an incident in a Catholic church in Chicago some years ago. Three Protestant ladies had called at

the church during a meeting that was being held in furtherance of some charitable purpose in which they were interested, and when they came down the aisle, all the pews being occupied, the priest in charge said to an attendant, "Three chairs for the Protestant ladies." The attendant misunderstood, and called out, "Three cheers for the Protestant ladies!" The cheers were given with a will, and it was all the holy father could do to stop the exuberant reception before the attendant could call for a "tiger."—Will Visscher in the October Woman's Home Companion.

To open a market for the sale of handiwork of the impoverished gentlewomen of the South is the latest plan of prominent New York club women. The interesting story back of this permanent enterprise is to the effect that several months ago it was decided to hold a bazaar, more to display to the metropolitan women the excellent character of the embroideries and laces made by their sisters in this section of the country. With many of these exquisite articles made by delicate fingers came pathetic appeals that they be sold, to reimburse the purses of their owners. These little pecuniary prayers, from no less than fifteen states, resulted in the formation of an organization of the women of the North whereby the women of the South may find a new field as wage-earners. Hereafter these artistic exhibits will occur annually.—Bertha Damaris Knobe in the October Woman's Home Companion.

TEMPERANCE NOTES.

There are not many statues or public memorials to Temperance men in this country, for in the early days of the movement the work was largely carried on by poor men, and when they passed to their rest it was nobody's business to perpetuate their fame in bronze or marble. Still here and there we come across monuments to temperance heroes, and, no doubt, as time goes on there will be more.—The Quiver.

"Extract from a recent Associated Press dispatch: 'Akron, Ohio (the day after the riot). Mayor Young this morning issued a proclamation to close all saloons until further orders.' This is a remarkable piece of news, aside from the fact that by so doing the mayor of Akron, Ohio, publicly testifies that it is easier to secure good order in a town where the saloons are closed than where they are open, even according to law, we say that the above is a remarkable piece of news."

"It is refreshing to find a temperance advocate talking sense in the way that Francis Murphy talks it when he says that the powerful sobering agencies of modern civilization lie in the inexorable demands of business life. On these lines there is work for temperance lecturers, and lots of it. If you can show a young man how small is the opportunity and how humble is the station assigned to the intemperate worker in present-day industry, you have done him a real service, compared with which all the theatrical appeals and intemperate denunciation, popular in the past generation, do not deserve to be mentioned."

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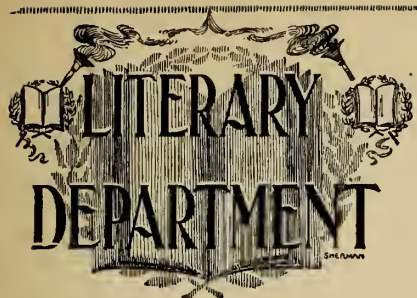
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A Critical Criticiser Criticised, or Ingersoll's Gospel Analyzed. By Page Alfred Cochran. 176 pages, 12 mo. St. Albans, Vt.: Page A. Cochran. Price 50 cents.

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Judges" of King Charles, is by the author of the famous and well loved "Five Little Pepper" stories. This book is for older readers, however. The romance is woven around Goffe and Whalley and their hiding place known afterwards in history as "The Judges' Cave."

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Baby Goose; His Adventures. By Fannie E. Ostrander. Royal quarto. Chicago: Laird & Lee. Price \$1.25.

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In the October Review of Reviews, the editorial department entitled "The Progress of the World" contains an impartial review of the Presidential campaign down to its present stage, special attention being given to the letters of acceptance of the several candidates.

In Cassell's Magazine for October Mr. Timins has an article on "The Great Railway Stations of London."

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Overland to China. By Archibald R. Colquhoun. 465 pages, 8 vo. New York: Harper & Bros. Price \$3.00.

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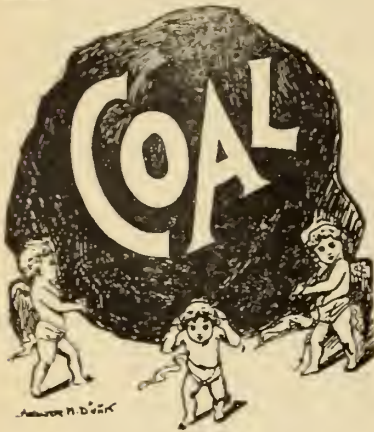
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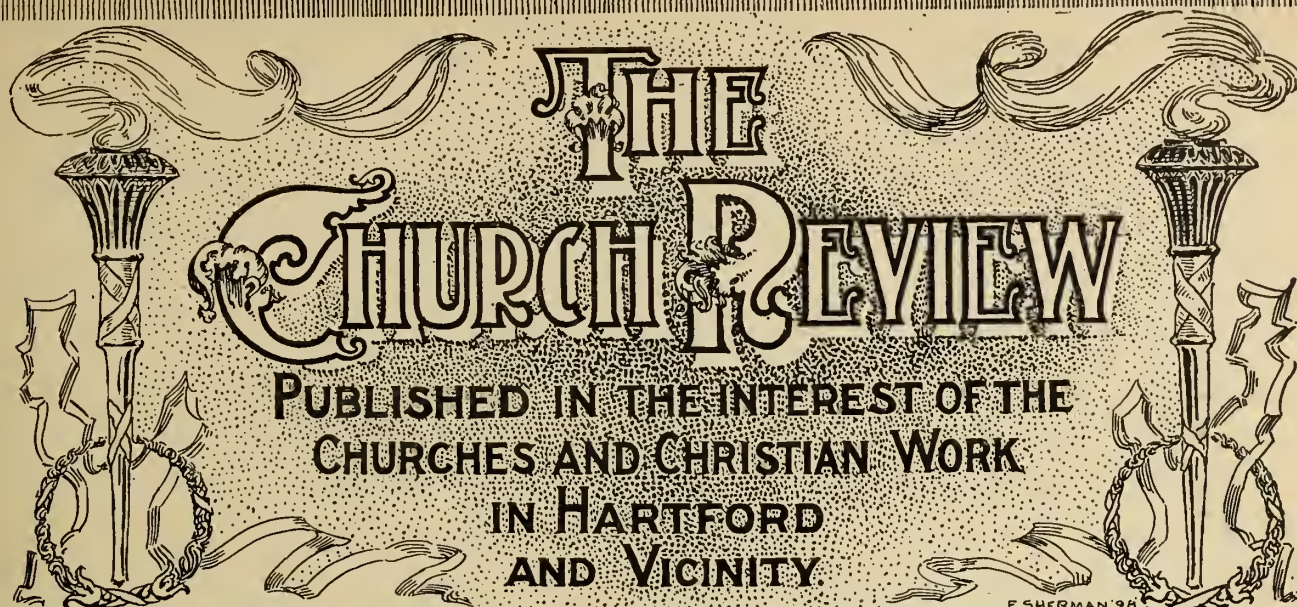
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LET US GIVE THANKS.

The days are so full of pleasure,
The nights so bright with cheer,
Thou hast heaped so high the measure
Of life in the passing year,
That, Master and Lord, we bless thee,
And bring thee thankful praise;
Our reverent lips address thee
At this parting of the ways.

Many a time, and often,
Thou hast pardoned our foolish pride,
Hast tarried our griefs to soften,
Hast our selfish prayers denied.
The kinsman and the stranger
Alike have known thy grace,
And the sword of the unseen danger
Has fled before thy face.

Many a time thy vision,
Clear in the light of love,
Hast aided our slow decision,
And pointed our eyes above.
Thy hand hath poured the chalice,
And broken the daily bread,
Till the hut has been as the palace.
And as princes we have fed.

From the gins and traps of error
Thou hast turned our feet away—
Hast saved our hearts from the terror
Of the unbegotten day.
Our lot in Thy land has ever
In fairest ground been cast;
Thou hast left us lonely never,
Though our dear ones hence have
passed.

—Sunday School Times.

DOES CHRIST BELIEVE IN CHURCH SOCIALS?

Rev. D. W. Howell.

Jesus Christ was not a socialist, nor was he a society man, but he was the ideal man in social life. He could mingle gracefully among the guests at the wedding in Cana or be at ease amid pinching poverty. He was able to converse philosophically with Nicodemus or was as well fitted to speak with the madman in the Gadarene country. In the home of Mary, at the house of the Chief Pharisee, before a multitude, he was ever the embodiment of a self-contained and graceful gentleman. In the

synagogue, on the highway, among the sick or the sinful, surrounded by unsightly lepers, he was the ideal man—"the first true gentleman that ever lived." We are not accustomed to think of Christ as taking an interest in any but the purely spiritual life of man, and because of this feeling the church has not seen the necessity of cultivating a social life. In paying attention to the social nature, Jesus was more far-sighted than the present-day church.

It seems also as though Satan were more far-sighted than the present-day church, for while the church has been accused of being unsocial, who ever heard such a charge being made against the saloon? The saloon is not only brilliantly luminous without but cordially social within. We forget that the saloon is as much a social, as a moral question. Take out of the saloon the gay and giddy talk of youth, whose "limbs are strong and courage high"; remove all social life, with its laugh and cheer; and before long it will be an historical mummy. Too long has the church permitted the saloon to pervert this Christian and Christly virtue to its vile purpose of ruin; it is high time that the church should awake, "put on her beautiful garments," and with her Lord foster the true social life.

It is our opinion that there is a phase of social life with which he would have little or nothing to do. Would he countenance the society social? This society life, with its spectacular display of extravagant wardrobe, its unseemly hours, its unhealthy strife to outdo, its abandoned selfishness, would be uncongenial to the Master's democratic ideas. Our belief is Christ would in no wise help the Society social.

With what eyes would he look upon the commercial social? That pretended social where a person eats a 50c dinner, for which he pays 25c and then piously talks of "helping the cause." It may be a ball for some benevolent purpose; from which the object receives the smallest share of the income. All schemes can be classed under this head which redden the cheek of devoted disciples of the Nazarene. When we mix the social and the com-

mercial, somehow the social loses its identity. Would Christ help the commercial social?

What would be his attitude toward the gossiping social? If he should hear words that would make his ears tingle, because they cut His friends, He might cause as much confusion as He did when he turned the buyers and sellers out of the temple.

While He would oppose some forms of social life, yet we think that His favor would be given to the social social. We give our reason for our faith. This phase of social life has several prominent characteristics commending it.

At no time, in no place, under no circumstance does it lower the standard of Christian character. Every appearance of Christ exalted His character. When He accepted the invitation to the house of the Chief Pharisee, He was watched with scrutinizing eyes, but no eye saw, even in the slightest action, the least deviation from his sublime profession. He mingled freely with the people but kept unspotted His Godly character. That social life, which never lowers the standard of Christian character, we think the Master would favor.

The social social embodies the thought of an ideal home.

When a guest enters our home we give him the best room, the easiest chair, the softest couch, our cheeriest conversation, the very best of ourselves and our service. Why not carry this very idea into the church; the larger home circle? When a stranger enters our stated service give him cheerfully and kindly the best pew, the cleanest hymn book, the warmest hand grasp! Give the church a home feeling. Be social not to degrade but to dignify the church. Why not go beyond the regular services and hold meetings to promote pure sociability? Make the church at times a parlor, where as a family we meet our friends and neighbors to talk and laugh and be helped by mutual fellowship. Christ honored the home so often by his presence that we are sure that he would grace every church social where this ideal home life is magnified.

The social social offers the best op-

portunity to impress Christ upon men. How did Christ use social life? His presence at Cana made His disciples believe in Him. At a meal at the home of Zaccheus, His host was so impressed with the Master that he forsook his old life, beginning "a new life" by a willingness to make restitution for his misdeeds. In the temple, by turning out the commercial social to make room for the incoming of His spirit. He called His disciples by being social with them; He revealed Himself to the two at Emmaus in the breaking of bread; He stopped the doubts of Thomas when He came suddenly upon the eleven while they were closeted in council. Some of the readers may think we are overstating the case, but the necessity for pure Christly social life appears so apparent in the church that we speak boldly. If we could catch the Master's spirit to utilize this life as He did, we believe the kingdom of God would increase with more rapid strides.

We believe that Christ would countenance the social social because it would help to solve one of the perplexing problems of church life.

The saloon is social and it wins men; the lodge room is social and many men go there; the club is social and it never complains of a scarcity of men. We need men in the church. As a pastor we had call upon us a mother. She plead for her boy, he was intelligent but he was not a Christian. "He must be saved," she said. We urged her to try and influence him to attend a social in the church. She said: "I do not believe in such gatherings in a church." We said: "Do you not believe in sociability in the church?" "Oh, yes!" she said, "but not in church socials." "Then," we replied, "you are closing your church to this need of your son and he is gratifying his social nature in a saloon." It was a revelation to her; it may be to others. God made us social and let us hasten the day, when the church social will be more attractive to men than any other social gathering anywhere else. If the church social will help to solve the problem of men in the church, we think that Jesus Christ would believe in it.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF ST. PAUL'S M. E. CHURCH, HARTFORD.

The first class was organized at the home of Mr. James Mayo, 615 Park St., January 18th, 1891. Mr. George Parish was recognized as the leader, February 15th. Mr. Parish was a member of the First church, but the class was recognized by the South Park church. Some time after, Mr. Hezekiah Matson of the South Park church was regularly appointed leader of the class of 13 members.

The first Sunday School was organized in Barber's Hall, Sunday, Sept. 27, 1891. Mr. Frederick M. Smith, now with the Hartford and New York Transportation Co., was the first superintendent, and Mr. James Mayo, secretary.

The Rev. S. M. Stiles supplied the pulpit for nearly two years, the place of meeting was changed to the Parkville Hall in 1892. In April, 1893, the Rev. Wm. A. Sage, now acting secretary of the Hartford Y. M. C. A., supplied the pulpit under the presiding elder, the Rev. Crandall J. North.

The mission was organized into a

church on May 10, 1893, with 19 members and two probationers.

A lot corner of Park and Amity streets was purchased, and by heroic effort a church costing \$2,000 was erected, seating 200 persons. The dedication occurred October 28, 1894.

In the early months of 1895 Rev. Wm. H. Burgwin, a student at Wesleyan, supplied the pulpit.

In April, 1895, the Rev. George William Carter was appointed pastor and remained three years. Under his administration a chapel was added at a cost of \$500, and the membership rapidly increased, at the close of Mr. Carter's pastorate there being 190 members and 53 probationers.

In April 1898 the present pastor was appointed to the charge. The magnificent growth in membership has continued up to the present time, and the necessity for the new church to be dedicated December 2nd next become a logical necessity. The dedication program may be seen in another column. The present membership is 271



INDIAN MERCHANTS, SITKA.

with 49 probationers, a total of 320. The entire history of this society has been full of inspiration.

ALASKA. THE LAND OF THE KLONDIKE.

Alaska is a new country in every sense of the word. One hundred and sixty years ago it was as completely unknown to the civilized world as if it had belonged to another planet. Its discovery is credited to Vitus Behring, a German navigator then in the service of Russia, who made a successful expedition across the northern Pacific amid snow, ice, haze and fog, in the year 1741, and established right of possession through discovery in the name of the Czar. Settlements were slow and precarious owing to the severity of the climate, the ferocity of the natives and the barrenness of the shores. But fur was plentiful and fur meant money—so the people came. A seat of government was located at Sitka, on Baranoff island, in the extreme south-western part of the territory; block-houses were built, a governor's residence erected, the Russian orthodox Greek church of St. Michael estab-

lished and the Czar's supremacy maintained. But it was a tedious and unsatisfactory enterprise. Russia grew tired of her task. There seemed to be not much honor, or reason either, in supporting a branch of the government at great expense on a distant shore, in an inhospitable climate, with nothing for the officials to do but lord it over a few barbarous natives, protect a few adventurers while they, trapped the seal, sea-otter and beaver, watch the snow melt from the mountains and run down into the sea. Accordingly, when the lease of the Russo-American Fur Company—to which the territory had been chartered for a term of years for trading purposes—expired, Russia was quite ready to dispose of her American holdings. This she did in the year 1867 when she ceded all her possessions, rights and privileges in Alaska to the United States for the sum of \$7,200,000.

The purchase, negotiated by W. H. Seward, Secretary of State at the time, was almost universally decried as a bad deal. Most Americans thought the

United States was getting what Russia did not want and paying a big price for it. The new acquisition was opprobriously termed "Seward's Folly," "America's Polar-Bear Reserve," "The New National Refrigerator," but, as usually happens, those most interested knew best. Subsequent events amply vindicated Mr. Seward's course. Doubtless he did "build better than he knew," but that may scarcely go down as a serious fault in a man. Even without the astounding gold discoveries and developments of the past few years the property is immensely valuable, and vastly more so to the United States than to Russia. It was not within power of mortal man to know that two tiny fur-seal islands off the Alaska coast, the St. Paul and St. George, would themselves more than pay the original cost price of the whole territory, yet this they did in the first term of their lease. Add to this the great timber resources, rich mineral deposits (including the most productive gold mines in the world) and the most prolific fishing waters known, and we have ample reason to be boastfully satisfied with our purchase. The salmon fisheries in six years, at the very beginning of the industry, 1884-1890, yielded the sum

of \$7,500,000, and gold had been carried out by the hundreds of thousands before the Klondike reg.on was heard of.

"Alaska," is the English version of Al-ay-ek-sa, the natives' word for "Great-Land," applied to the mainland to distinguish it from the numerous islands fringing its western border. And it is a great land! The little colored spot up on the left-hand corner of North American maps conveys a very slender suggestion as to the size of the territory. To say it embraces an area of about 600,000 square miles does not tell it impressively enough. Comparison is best. Practically Alaska is nine times the size of the entire group of New England states. It has room for twelve states the size of New York, is nine-tenths the size of all the states east of the Mississippi—almost one-fifth the size of all the other states and territories in the Union combined. From its northern-most town, Point Barrow, to Cape Fox, on the south, is as far as from Bangor, Me., to the southern end of Florida; and the Aleutian Islands trail westward over the Pacific to so great a distance as to make San Francisco a good many miles east of the half-way point of a line drawn from Attu Island to East Port, Me. Alaska is huge! England is not alone in having possessions on which the sun never sets.

The soil in Alaska, where arable, is most fertile, but there is meagre likelihood that the territory will ever be able to supply its own demand for cereals. Quick-growth vegetables may be raised in the south, such as lettuce, peas, beans, carrots and certain kinds of potatoes, but the excessive rainfall prevents the maturing of more substantial products. Nature weeps often in that part of the world. Rain may be expected any time without any provocation or announcement. Seasons are on record during which rain fell on three hundred and forty days in the year.

Though Sitka is the capital, Juneau has been the metropolis. With narrow, crooked, muddy passageways, called streets, generously ornamented with stumps, with three or four churches, as many schoolhouses, one or two theatres and newspapers, an overplus of saloons and a permanent population of about three thousand souls, Juneau has retained her metropolitan supremacy in a territory thirty-six times the size of Denmark and five times the size of Italy—with this notable difference, that where Italy counts a million people Alaska counts a thousand. Juneau is nearer the mining districts and has the further advantage of being the site of the famous Treadwell gold mill, the largest plant of its kind in the world. Six hundred and forty stamps run night and day, crushing six hundred tons of ore daily with average in value from three to seven dollars a ton, and are milled at a cost of a dollar and a quarter. The ore is mined like stone in a quarry and the supply seems practically inexhaustible. It is not unlikely, therefore, that Juneau will continue to be the most important point, commercially, long after other towns whose names are now familiar and whose populations have recently mounted up into the thousands shall have been forgotten.

The natives of the territory are a type of Indian except in the far north where they are Eskimos. They are stocky of build, slow of movement, and

by nature filthy of habit. Their complexion is copperish, their eyes are small and bright, their hair coarse and jet black, their cheek-bones prominent and their dress the gay colored blankets of typical red men. Whether they are of kin with the North American Indian is a question on which ethnologists are divided. Similarity of appearance would indicate that they are, and some marked differences in build and movement might be explained by environment and habit. Their chief diet has been fish, and for generations they have spent their winters on their heels in their huts, and their summers squatted on the bottom of their canoes—for the canoe has always been the Alaskan's chief means of transportation. Some splendid examples of their skill in hewing out these frail vessels may be seen in the Museum of Natural History, New York, and in Smithsonian Institute, Washington.

touches at a town these blanketed saleswomen will come and sit on their heels for hours by the side of the street, offering for sale every kind of trinket imaginable, and at prices which decline perceptibly as the hour for the steamer's departure draws on. They prefer silver to any other kind of money, and their cupidity is so strong that silver will buy anything they have and atone for almost any offense on the calendar.

Perhaps the best opportunity for seeing the unprepossessing natives of southeastern Alaska "at home" is afforded in Sitka. The Indian part of the town, called the Rancherie, is on the beach north of the wharf. None of the original lodges or dwellings remain, but the arrangement and condition of the present modern frame structures are quite sufficient to satisfy one's curiosity in the matter. These dwellings contain usually but a single room with an earth floor. Around the walls



SILVER BOW CANON, JUNEAU.

On the other hand, their traditions and beliefs and many of their implements are distinctively Oriental, from which it is argued that they are of Asiatic origin. They have preserved in various forms the story of supernatural creation of man, a great flood, and the preservation of the first pair by means of a raft.

The basis of their social organization is totemism. Each clan and family originally had its totem, which consisted of one or more animals or designs carved in wood, and kept on exhibition before the hut of the owner for the same reason that his more polite, if not less pompous, brother parades his crest and escutcheon. To the eye of the native these crude totems represent guardian animals, inspiring memories, or heroic achievements which lend dignity to his household.

The women of Alaska are the native traders. Every day that a steamer

a kind of ledge or platform is built, on which the occupants sleep wrapped in their blankets and dirty bedding. In the larger houses this platform is divided by blankets and old sails into several apartments, and each little apartment represents a family. In the centre of the dwelling is a fireplace where all the cooking is done and from which the smoke rises lazily to escape through a hole in the roof, or stays inside to blacken the rafters and walls as it chooses. Few have stoves. Here the native bucks carve paddles, miniature totems and trinkets, while the squaws weave baskets to be disposed of as souvenirs to tourists. Drunkenness, gambling and kindred evils abound. The beach answers for a street and a dumping ground, and a place for frames for drying fish and fish-nets, and for booths under which the treasured canoe is sheltered from the sun. It is also copiously strewn with sea weed, refuse from dressed fish and

game, emptyings from the houses, and dead dogs. Morality is always at low tide on this beach.

But that these wild men of the north are susceptible to other ideals is fully attested by a visit to the other side of the town where Indians are found living in neat and trim cottages, some of which they have built and paid for themselves. Carpets and skin rugs are on the floors, plain furniture is tastefully arranged, and some modest beginnings of ornamentation are on the walls. The women are clad in clean, becoming garments, their children cling to their skirts, their husbands are industriously employed and their homes are happy. And the change is effected through the instrumentality of devoted Christian missionaries. In addition to church service, Sunday school and day school, industrial classes are conducted. With the consent of parents, children are taken into the school and provided with a home until they are

museums and public buildings, more or less pretentious; but probably the most striking of all is the orthodox Russian church of St. Michael. Being the spot where Russian governors and others high in position and authority did penance, and pacified an accommodating conscience with elaborate gifts, this church is surpassingly rich and ornate in its furnishings. Among its adornments are princely articles sent over by czars and their wives. Many of its ornaments are of beaten gold and silver. One is scarcely prepared, in such a wilderness so far from civilized centers, to step inside of a plain-looking building and find himself surrounded by decorations which, in point of value, would do credit to any cathedral in London, Paris or Rome.—R. H. Herron in Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly.

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ministry is to equip and endow schools and colleges in the several mission fields.—Bishop Galloway M. E. church.

"Rev. John G. Paton's reports for the past year tell of eleven hundred and two South Sea Islanders won from cannibalism to Christianity, one missionary alone receiving two hundred adults into church membership. A translation of the New Testament into another of the island languages has been finished by Mr. Paton, and will soon be issued."

During the late China-Japan war the Crown Prince of Japan was taken ill and sent to the military hospital at Hiroshima. A Christian and a non-Christian nurse were detailed to care for him. One evening the prince spoke to the nurse on duty, asking her where she was trained. On telling him he made reply: "I thought as much. Your



PINACLE RANGE, FROM SITKA.

qualified to go out and enter life anew, on a higher plane. The girls are taught sewing, baking, washing and cooking, the boys are trained in manual labor, and the most skeptical man need spend but two hours in Sitka to be profoundly impressed with a certain fact. As he passes from the vile dens and low, lazy life of the Rancherie to the neat cottages and civilized life on the other side of the town, he goes from a night of darkness into a day of sunshine; and as he returns past the commodious mission, which stands like a blessed gateway between, he will feel a new reverence in his heart for Him who came that men "might have life and that they might have it more abundantly." The remarkable mission conducted by Mr. Duncan, a lay member of the Protestant Episcopal church, is another instance in point. Mr. Duncan's Christian Republic of nearly one thousand natives, now at New Metlakatla, with their churches and schools, co-operative stores and salmon canneries, is a striking illustration of applied religion. His Indians are thrifty, industrious, contented and happy.

In Sitka there are stores and

MISSIONARY NOTES.

For ninety-three years the Hibernian Bible society has steadily pursued its great work of bringing the Bible into every Irish home. It sends an annual contribution to aid the British and Foreign Bible Society's Mission to the world abroad. This year the donation received was £400. The ninety-third report announces a total income for the year of £2,741, and 33,086 copies of the Scriptures issued, making the total issues since the commencement of the society 5,391,752 copies.—Review of Missions.

A liberal share of our thank offerings should be devoted to educational work in foreign mission fields. Schools, in heathen lands are a necessity. After all our evangelistic efforts, the speediest way for the regeneration and reconstruction of benighted peoples is through the home and the school. Those acquainted with conditions in heathen countries know that the weakest point in every mission is an untrained native ministry. The only way to secure a well-trained, efficient native

patience and devotion to duty are proof that you had a Christian training." This led to a conversation concerning the Christian faith, and thus the obscure and humble Christian nurse was given an opportunity to help her future emperor to see something more of the beauty and the glory of that Light which lighteth every man. — John C. Berry.

Without doubt educational missions have opened a larger number of doors for the preaching of the gospel than any other agency. They have furnished the most distinguished and influential converts. They have done more than all else combined to undermine heathen superstitions and false systems of belief. They are today the chief, if not the only, force to counteract the influence of the secular character and tendency of the government institutions of learning. In the interest of the ultimate success of the missionary enterprise, we believe that educational missions would be abundantly justified if they were doing nothing but teaching science, history, philosophy, ethics, and political economy in their right relation to Christ.—John R. Mott.



ASYLUM AVE. BAPTIST.

The removal of Miss Helen W. Rose from the place of service below to that of reward above is deeply felt by all departments of the church. Miss Rose was a rare union of strength and gentleness in character, making up a very unique and strong personality. Her love for the church was grounded in her clear attachment to her personal Lord and Savior. While her life had been one of unusual trial, her spirit found diversion and rest from the painful burden in active and enthusiastic service for Christ. She responded promptly and joyfully to the numerous calls made upon her and fell at last like a soldier in the breach doing the will of the Captain of her salvation. On Thursday evening she played as usual at the mid-week prayer meeting.—on Friday night the messenger came for her, at just what hour we know not, but it was the hour divinely chosen and we believe welcome to her purified spirit. She was gifted in many ways. A genial friend bearing others burdens when her own were heavy and covering many sides of life with an interest which makes that life poor to many now that she has gone—“After life’s fitful fever she sleeps well.”

The church and a large circle of attached friends extend generous sympathy to her mother, and the faithful family who had ministered unto her, so long and so tenderly. The following resolutions were passed by the Sunday school with reference to the sad event:

The Asylum Avenue Baptist Sunday school, feeling that in the death of Miss Helen W. Rose they have lost one of their most efficient and earnest workers, desire to express and place upon their records their appreciation of her long and faithful service. We remember with gratitude the versatility of her talent, the readiness with which she entered into all kinds of Christian activity, and her self-sacrifice in the performance of duty. As we cherish her memory, we commend her enthusiasm and would imitate her example recognizing in her devotion to the church the highest type of service.

For the Sunday school: D. G. Smyth, A. Spencer, Jr., Mrs. John Reynolds, Miss Grace Higgins.—Committee.

WETHERSFIELD METHODIST.

The young people from the three Methodist churches of Hartford on November 7th gave a very pleasing entertainment at Grange Hall, from which we realized about twenty-five dollars. They were ably assisted at this entertainment by Prof. “Jo” Muldoon with his numerous musical instruments.

The ladies gave the annual harvest supper Tuesday evening, November 13 at Grange Hall.

CHURCH OF REDEEMER.

On October 26th the Young People’s Guild celebrated the tenth anniversary of the organization of the state union. The several unions in this state were invited to send representatives and there was a very large delegation of out of town unioners. At 6:30 in the evening supper was served in the vestry and at 7:30 the anniversary exercises commenced.

Mr. H. E. Belden, past president, was master of ceremonies.

Mr. A. L. Brown, former president of the state executive board, gave an address on “The Past of the Union.” Miss Lottie Champlin read an address written by Mr. W. V. Alexander of Stamford, president of the state union, who was unable to be present.

The speaker of the evening was Mr. C. Neal Barney of Lynn, Mass., who was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Mr. Barney has been very active in the work of the Young People’s Union in Massachusetts and Connecticut. After the exercises the time was spent in a sociable talk with out of town friends.

On October 31st the Ladies’ Society gave a Halloween supper in the vestry of the church. The tables were tastefully decorated and the many people who came thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

ST. JAMES’ EPISCOPAL.

Our large choir is a very great assistance in increasing the attendance, especially at the evening service.

The Boys’ Brigade had a temporary collapse during election week but resumed its meetings on Wednesday, Nov. 14th.

The Girls’ Friendly Society is a great success.

“The Rector’s Aid” with the Missionary Society are to give a supper the Thursday before Thanksgiving day.

ST. PAUL’S METHODIST
EPISCOPAL.

The Ladies’ Aid Society are planning a bazaar to be held in the new church parlors the last of November.

The program for the dedication of the new church has now been definitely arranged. The dedication will take place on Sunday, Dec. 2nd. At 9:30 a. m. the pastor will lead a general love feast. At 10:30 the Rev. George P. Mains of New York will preach and the dedication sermon will be preached at 3 p. m. by the Rev. Bishop Willard F. Mallalieu of Boston, Mass.

At 7:30 p. m. the evening service will begin, and the Rev. John E. Adams, presiding elder of the New Haven district, will preach, the bishop following with the dedicatory service. The sessions of the Sunday school and of the Epworth League will be omitted for that day.

Special evangelistic services will begin on Monday evening, Dec. 3d, and the Rev. Wm. H. Burgiom of New Haven will preach, and on Tuesday evening the Rev. Wm. A. Sage of Hartford will preach the sermon. The meeting will continue for two weeks, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Wm. M. Carr, and the members of the society. A cordial invitation is extended to our friends to attend these dedicatory services.

FIRST BAPTIST.

Friday evening, October 26th, the pastor and Mrs. Pattison and Miss Cora B. Smith, the pastor’s assistant, were given a reception. Mrs. Silas Chapman and Mrs. Elijah Kenyon presided at the tables and they were assisted by Mrs. Bestor and Miss Kellogg and Miss Mary Howard’s class of young ladies. Among the guests we were pleased to welcome was Rev. Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Thompson, Rev. Frank Dixon and Mrs. Dixon, and Dr. Stone.

The fifth season of our Sunday afternoon “men’s meetings” opened Nov. 4th. A good attendance on that day seems to warrant continued belief in the success we have had thus far.

The state Baptist convention, held in October in New Haven, was attended by a number from our congregation.

A good delegation from our church attended the union meeting of the Baptist Young People’s societies of this city at the Memorial Baptist church, Nov. 16th. Several interesting and profitable papers were read.

The rummage sale arranged by the H. I. E. circle of King’s Daughters, began Wednesday, November 7th, and continued for one week. The store at 1,359 Main street, in Leroy Bros.’ block, was secured. It was stocked with a varied assortment of slightly worn or out-grown clothing, superfluous household and cooking utensils, or anything which commanded a slight figure when sold to needy families.

The annual meeting of the Hartford Christian Endeavor Union was held Wednesday, October 24, afternoon and evening, at the First Baptist church. It was held on invitation of our society, and the meeting, including the supper, was a decided success.

NEWINGTON CONGREGATIONAL.

Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Macy attended the missionary meeting in Springfield Oct. 22-26.

The W. C. T. U. held a very interesting rally on Oct. 31. Fifteen new members were welcomed. Mrs. Mary Kirkham read an original poem, Mrs. John Stoddard recited a prose selection and Mrs. James Griswold read a poem. A bountiful spread was enjoyed in the dining room.

The Ladies’ and Young Ladies’ Missionary societies held a combined meeting October 26. The subject was “Early Japan.” Miss Fannie Brown had charge of the meeting. A profitable hour and a half was spent.

The Ladies’ Aid voted to give \$100 towards cleaning the church and chapel and buying new pulpit furniture. The carpets have all been taken up and on Sunday, Nov. 18, we hope to meet in a thoroughly renovated church.

A meeting of the Ecclesiastical society is called for Monday evening, Nov. 12, for the sale of slips and election of officers for the ensuing year.

A number of teachers anticipate attending a lecture on “Teachers and Teaching” in Hosmer Hall, Nov. 20.

Mr. J. S. Kirkham and Mr. Geo. Seymour are delegates to the Sunday school convention in Bridgeport, Nov. 12-19.

Others from the school expect to attend.

The Sunday school voted to send \$8.00 to the Tillotson school in Austin,

Texas; also, \$25.00 to the Sunday school union of Connecticut.

The church has been beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums from our pastor's conservatory. He took several prizes at the exhibition in Hartford.

SECOND ADVENT.

The attention of our Sunday school and Loyal Workers' society has been diverted somewhat from its usual channel the past month by the interest taken in conventions and reports therefrom.

Interesting reports by delegates appointed were given of the annual state convention at Wallingford and the General Eastern Society of Loyal Workers' annual convention at Boston; also of the mission convention in our own city, which was held in the Center church Oct. 16.

Our society has not yet come to a decision in the matter of a mission committee.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary society are busy packing a barrel to be sent south to a needy minister's family.

The Sunday school lately voted to send twenty-five dollars to the New Milford church, to assist them in building a house of worship.

October 25 Babu Bheem Roy, the Brahmin convert to Christianity, visited us at our evening meeting. The occasion was novel and interesting.

We have been promised an interesting talk for the evening of Nov. 18, from Deacon M. G. Dunham, who has been calling to memory many events in the history of our people and all, especially the young, will be benefited and instructed in listening to him.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH.

The Young People's club gave a Halloween party on Wednesday evening, Oct. 31, which was a great success. Mr. Muldoon, the well known humorist, gave some comic songs, recitations and ghost stories that were much enjoyed. There were games, music, refreshments and a general good time. Miss Daisy Barber took the prize in the geography game.

The club have engaged the "Harmonic Quartet" to give the Opera of Pygmalion and Galatea on Tuesday evening, Nov. 27.

The ladies of the Guild have packed a barrel of clothing for the sufferers in and near Galveston.

The Guild were invited to the home of Mr. J. Henry Martin on Wednesday afternoon, November 14.

Mr. Warner went to Fishkill-on-the-Hudson, Thursday, the 15th, to officiate at the marriage of Mrs. Warner's niece, Miss Hyde, who visited at the rectory a few weeks ago. Miss Minnie Warner is to act as bridesmaid.

WETHERSFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

After finishing a course of six lectures on the "Early Story of Congregationalists" Mr. Clark began on October 28th another series of six lectures on the "Later Story of Congregationalists." These Sunday evening lectures are being very well attended.

At the communion service on Nov. 4th three united with the church—two

by letter and one on confession.

At the Young People's meeting Miss James gave an interesting account of her work at the settlement in Hartford.

In the evening the Rev. James H. Roberts, who has recently returned from China, spoke of his experiences in that country.

Neighborhood prayer meetings are being held on Friday evenings in the out-lying districts.

The Hartford county conference met with us on Tuesday, November 13.

WEST HARTFORD CONGREGATIONAL.

Friday evening the Senior and Junior Missionary societies gave a supper in the church dining room.

The proceeds of \$22 have been sent to Strait University for the purpose of fitting up a music room where one of our Christian Endeavorers is teaching.

KING'S DAUGHTERS' CHAPTER HOUSE.

The Prospect Avenue Sunday school opened its sessions Sept. 20th, with an attendance of 115. Mr. Lewis Allen has consented to act as superintendent for the coming year. Four new names have been added to the corps of teachers and we are hoping for a most successful winter.

A teachers' supper with business meeting following was held Friday evening, Oct. 26, all but two teachers being present. Plans for better work and ways and means of progress were discussed after the social hour with very enthusiastic results.

The annual fair for the support of the chapter house and the evening services was held Thursday and Friday, Nov. 8 and 9.

The chapter house's reputation for a good supper was fully appreciated—the dining room being crowded at the supper hour both evenings, while the main hall presented a gay and attractive appearance with the different booths tastefully decorated and most daintily furnished. A new feature was the taking of silhouettes by "an artist on the spot" and many remarkable revelations resulted. Musical attractions both evenings proved very entertaining and we hope that the financial result will prove as gratifying as the social.

BLOOMFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

Our Endeavor society feels justly proud of its work in bringing about the renovation of our Sunday school room, now nearing completion. Within a year the society raised nearly \$200, with which a fine metal ceiling was purchased and put on. The contagion for improvements next fostered upon the Ladies' Benevolent Society, and as a result of a fair and entertainment about \$200 more was added to the fund. The "Yokefellows," the young men's class in the Sunday school, not to be outdone, set out about the same time to build for themselves a class and social room. The same is connected with the main Sunday school room by accordion doors, and in its white enamel and yellow decorations presents a very bright and cheerful appearance. With the exception of an art square and table

which were presented to the class by the ladies, the cost, about \$80, has been borne by the members.

The formal dedication took place Sunday, Oct. 28th, at which time our pastor and superintendent both took occasion to heartily congratulate the young men on their successful completion of their work, and to commend the spirit and objects of their organization.

By the permanent removal from town of Clayton Rowley, the "Yokefellows" loses one of its most valuable members, one who in the twelve years since his connection with the class has rarely missed a session, and in every way shown a deep interest in its welfare. At the session of the class, Nov. 4th, which marked the close of his association with us, Mr. Rowley, in a very impressive manner, referred to the benefit and pleasure which the class associations had afforded him, and as a token of his interest and good fellowship presented to the class a beautifully framed engraving entitled "The Return from Calvary." Our best wishes will always attend the donor and any church or organization with which he may unite, is to be congratulated.

A committee appointed for the purpose of arranging for the purchase of a piano have definitely accomplished their object and it will be first used at a musical entertainment to be given at the church Tuesday evening, Nov. 27th.

Together with the beautifying of our house of worship and its better equipment for social work, we trust there may be added the deeper spirituality that shall make it all to reflect to the honor and praise of our Heavenly Father.

NEW BRITAIN AVE. MISSION.

Our attendance has been steadily increasing, especially in the Sunday school where in the primary department we feel the need of more room.

November 4th at the 6 o'clock service the Rev. Pleasant Hunter from Minneapolis preached for us and those who listened to him will not soon forget his very impressive discourse.

We regret to announce the resignation of Mrs. Henry House who has for some time faithfully filled the position of secretary of the Sunday school. Miss Mary Best, the former assistant, has been appointed to fill the office and Miss Edna Gage has been elected her assistant.

Sunday evening, Nov. 11th, Mr. Charles Fisher from the Seminary preached a sermon which all enjoyed. Mr. Fisher has been a kind friend to the Mission.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, EAST HARTFORD.

With the installation of Rev. W. B. Tuthill, the church begins its season's work under auspicious conditions. New walks have been laid, and the long delayed renovation of the vestibule accomplished.

The series of organ recitals which our musical director, Mr. Driggs, is giving, have proved very successful thus far. He has been assisted by Mr. L. B. Hawley, organist of the church, Miss Katherine Thompson, Miss Anna M. Olmsted and Mr. E. H. Ehlers.

At the annual meeting of the Christian Endeavor society, Mr. George Goodwin was re-elected president. Several members of the Junior society are about to enter the senior society.

The men's Bible class, which was conducted by Dea. A. E. Kilbourne for many years, has been reorganized under the direction of Mr. J. R. Tucker, principal of the High school.

At the last communion Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Tuthill, and Mr. and Mrs. James Johnston united with the church. The Rev. G. A. Bowman conducted the service of admission.

FARMINGTON AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

The Sunday school had a very enjoyable entertainment "Hallowe'en" night. The rooms were beautifully decorated with autumn foliage and flowers appropriate to the season. After a musical program the evening was spent in the usual "Hallowe'en" games and an old-fashioned supper.

Our new committees are taking hold of their work very enthusiastically and everything points to a very successful year especially in reaching new members.

OLIVET BAPTIST.

A deeper interest is manifest in the work of all our societies. The attendance at our services has grown somewhat during the past month.

There were one hundred and thirty-four people present at our Sunday school rally services, held Oct. 28.

Our Sunday school reached its highest regular attendance of one hundred and fifteen, Sunday, Nov. 11.

During the past month our C. E. gave a "Home Social" at the home of one of its members, Mrs. W. N. Forestall. A pleasant evening was passed by all who came. We have decided to have these socials at frequent intervals during the winter in order to stimulate the younger members to more active endeavor.

Our ladies "Evangeline Circle" gave a Halloween social at the home of Mrs. May of Sisson avenue. Over seventy members and friends were present and they realized about seven dollars.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL.

The Girls' Friendly society gave an entertainment in lower Unity hall, Monday evening, Oct. 29th. "A Japanese Wedding" charmed all who saw it and an amateur orchestra added much to the pleasure of the evening.

On Sunday evening, Oct. 14th, the Hartford lodge of Elks attended service at this church, at the invitation of the rector. Although the evening was not pleasant, a large body of the Elks was present, and many of the congregation besides. The musical program was carefully selected, and the singing was very inspiring. The regular vested choir was assisted by Miss Margaret Cline and Mr. Edward F. Goff and others.

An effort is being made to have each pew holder furnish his pew with proper prayer books and hymnals. Many of those now in use are dilapidated and out of date, and it is hoped to have a marked improvement in this respect.

UNITY CHURCH.

The regular children's social was held in the church parlors Oct. 26. Supper was served at six and the evening's entertainment consisted of games and recitations.

The first church social of the season will be held Thursday, November 22.

Mr. Waite's class will resume its meetings November 18th. The class will resume its study of eminent Unitarians.

Miss Gail Kingsley has resigned her position as teacher of the kindergarten class, as she is to be absent from town. The vacancy has not yet been filled.

The Charitable society and the Woman's Alliance have held their regular meetings. The former is working for a sale to be held in the church parlors in December.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

At the Sunday school conference held at New Britain, Oct. 22nd, the Church of the Good Shepherd sent nine delegates. The rector made an address at that time.

The music as rendered by the choir made up of the former quartet and Sunday school choir is proving very acceptable. The service is richer and fuller, and the congregation join more in the singing of the hymns and plain chants. The new hymnal recently adopted is the "Hutchins" in the smaller form. This enables the congregation to have the music and words in compact form.

The Sunday school for the past month has gained in attendance and new teachers have been added.

At the October meeting of the Men's League, Prof. Edwards of Trinity college read a paper, "An Impressionist's View of Mexico." It was a clear and entertaining talk on the City of Mexico. A social time followed.

The second meeting, Thursday, Nov. 15th, Lieut. Arnold of the U. S. A., (the recruiting officer here in Hartford), gave a talk on "Army Life, Its Promotions; and Life at West Point."

The Trinity College Glee club sang and refreshments were served by the Daughters of the King.

The Daughters of the King are assisting the Men's League in the entertainment at their meetings. The Girl's Friendly society have the last half of the year to assist at the meetings.

The new heating plant recently placed in the church by the kindness of Mrs. Colt, is proving very satisfactory.

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL.

At the morning service November 4, Samuel Dorman and Robert Parker united with the church on profession of faith, and Dr. Albert Cowee by letter.

The pastor has personally taken charge of the young men's Bible class in the Sunday school.

The Young People's society has purchased the "Sacred Songs Nos. 1 and 2 Combined" for use in the Young People's prayer meetings. Only a sufficient number for immediate needs was bought but it is hoped that the growth of the meetings will compel an additional purchase. These meetings have been satisfactorily attend-

ed and very profitable during the fall.

The Mission Study class conducted by Mr. H. C. Ide, resumes its meetings this fall, the first meeting being at the parsonage on Nov. 12th, and the meetings to be alternate Monday evenings thereafter at such places as are from time to time appointed and announced. The subject of the course will be China and those interested in an informal study of that country from a missionary standpoint are invited to attend.

As announced in the daily papers the even-song service has been resumed, and the church will be open each Sunday evening for a brief season of worship.

WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

The choir of our church gave a concert for the benefit of the treasury of the church Oct. 28. It was very successful.

Our pastor, Rev. Mr. Elsdon, is still confined to his room with rheumatism.

Rev. Mr. Wright of Hartford is at present supplying the pulpit very acceptably.

WINDSOR CONGREGATIONAL.

The Endeavor Society is going to assume the support for one year of a native catechist in the Madura mission, India.

A meeting is called for Monday evening, Nov. 19th, to organize a mission study class under the auspices of the Endeavor Society. India is the country to be studied.

Mr. H. H. Spooner, former president of the State Endeavor Union, is to be in town Sunday, Nov. 18th, speaking at Poquonock in the forenoon, Hayden Station in the afternoon and at a union meeting of our Endeavor Society and the Epworth League, in the Methodist church, in the evening. Temperance is the subject.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST.

On Sunday, Oct. 14, Dr. Simmons of the American Baptist Publication society, was with us. In the morning he gave some account of the work of this society speaking, especially of the chapel car work. He also gave a very interesting talk at the young people's meeting, on the work of establishing schools for the colored people in the south.

During the third week in October a "rummage sale" was held under the management of the B. Y. P. U. About \$275 was realized by the sale.

Sunday, Oct. 21, was observed as rally day by the Sunday school. There were songs and recitations by members of the school. A special feature of the exercises was the promotion of two classes from the primary department. Each scholar received a diploma from the superintendent. On the same Sunday the Rev. P. S. Evans of Torrington exchanged with our pastor.

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Domestic science affords an opening for bright and clever girls. Household economics are yet in their infancy. By the time that my friends who are fifteen and sixteen years old have reached the twenties there will be chances here for young women with quick brains and deft hands.—Margaret E. Sangster in the November Ladies' Home Journal.

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THE THANKSGIVING FESTIVAL.

The Thanksgiving dinner still retains its old time popularity, and to most minds, and stomachs, there is little fear of decadence in the gastronomic features of the day.

As a day for family re-unions it has probably become less conspicuous than formerly, in face of the fact, too, that facilities of travel are so much greater than formerly. A growing indifference may in a large measure account for this, but it must also be charged in a measure to the colleges and athletic associations, which have done so much to make the day one of sport, and to remove it from the diminishing list of religious festivals.

As a religious festival it has suffered most. As the congregations at the Thanksgiving service grew smaller and smaller each year, it was found advisable to unite the congregations of different churches in a union service. In itself, this proved an excellent plan, and good fellowship has thereby been greatly fostered between

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the churches of different denominations. But at the same time the individuals in the churches seem to have felt less of a personal responsibility to attend these services, and so our union services are not by any means what they ought to be, so far as attendance is concerned.

How can we account for the growing indifference regarding the proper observation of Thanksgiving Day?

For one thing it certainly signifies much less to the majority of people in this country than formerly. It was established when agriculture was the leading vocation of our citizens, and when bountiful harvests meant personal prosperity to most of them, and lean harvests, disaster. As our manufactures and cities have grown, the agricultural element of our population has become of less relative importance, and so the festival of thanksgiving for bountiful harvests has become of less general interest and concern.

To be thankful for all our blessings is a grace to be cultivated, not one day, but every day through the year. To be thankful in the early winter for crops harvested in the early fall, by people far removed, is rather a belated and second hand performance. If the day is to regain its old time popularity, it seems necessary to make its purpose more distinctive. If it is to be a harvest festival, it should come at harvest time. Coming at the time it does, and with its object more or less obscure to many minds, it seems to be giving way before the festival of Christmas, and appropriately so, for what day in the year should witness more of thanksgiving and praise than that which witnessed the birth of Christ.

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For the hidden scroll, o'erwritten
With one dear Name adored;
For the heavenly in the human,
The Spirit in the Word;
For the tokens of thy presence
Within, above, abroad;
For thine own great gift of being,
I thank thee, O my God!

—Lucy Larcom.

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PEACEFUL REVOLUTIONS.

Every four years this country holds a presidential election, and when one party displaces the other in power an actual revolution has taken place. But, thank God, our revolutions are comparatively peaceful ones.

Party feeling runs high; individual passions here and there are much in evidence, and usually, to a very slight degree, there is bloodshed. The great parties face each other in a fierce struggle for supremacy; immense in-

terests are at stake, and threats of violence are made.

Then comes election day when each man is supposed to cast his ballot, instead of his bullet. The returns are gathered from all over the country, and the results are announced, and it is known that a revolution has been averted, or peacefully accomplished. The citizens of the country accept the verdict, and return to their customary vocations, and the country returns to the more or less even tenor of its way for another four years.

It is to the glory of the great republic that its revolutions are peaceful ones. It speaks well for its civilization. It is its sufficient justification when it honestly attempts to establish similar conditions in less favored nations. It is proof of its intelligence, and this is by far more essential in a popular government than military prowess, upon which so many old world governments are forced to depend.

In the intelligence fostered in our public schools and the higher institutions of learning coupled with an inbred patriotism is our acknowledged reliance and safety as a nation under God rather than in our military prowess. We place schoolhouses ahead of fortifications as the bulwarks of our security and liberty.

An intelligent, exalted, self-denying patriotism we esteem better than marshalled battalions in time of peace, and such patriotism will soon marshal the battalions in time of war, as has repeatedly been proved.

No people can ascend a single step in the scale of happiness and of power but by its aid, and the strongest nation deprived of it becomes that moment the easy prey of anarchy, dissolution and ruin.

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The strong and deep-settled conviction of all intelligent persons amongst us is, that in order to support a useful and wise government upon popular principles, the general education of the people, and the wide diffusion of pure morality and true religion, are indispensable. Individual virtue is a part of public virtue.

—Webster.

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CHARLES DUDLEY WARNER.

In the death of Charles Dudley Warner, Hartford loses a distinguished citizen, one whose claims to distinction none will dispute, founded as those claims were on broad humanity and sterling personal worth.

In the field of literature Mr. Warner was best known, and his achievements there will doubtless prove his most permanent visible monument.

But he builded a more enduring monument, though less conspicuous, perhaps, in his labors for true reform and philanthropy. As a citizen he was eminently public-spirited and patriotic. His Christian character was unassailable.

As to his personality, Dr. H. Clay Trumbull, writing in the Sunday School Times, has this to say about his old friend and associate:

"While Charles Dudley Warner, in his writings and character and life work, is known to a vast multitude in this land and in other lands, only those who knew him in the closer intimacies of home and of personal friendship can understand how much more lovely and winsome and admirable he was than even he appeared to those who judged him by his inimitable writings or by his attractive personality in the social circle. He was ever best loved where he was best known, and those who enjoyed the privilege of closer association with him, as giving this better understanding of him, are the ones who now mourn most deeply his sudden taking from this life, leaving to them his rare companionship as now only a memory and a hope. Yet many such a mourner will want to drop a flower on his grave, not so much to indicate his worth as to evidence their sense of loss."

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The man on whom the soul descends, through whom the soul speaks, alone can teach. Courage, piety, love, wisdom, can teach; and every man can open his door to these angels.

Emerson.

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Now that the season for church entertainments is upon us, "a word to the wise" may be timely, even if not "sufficient." Remember the holiness of God's house and do not turn it into a vaudeville show house, nor a house of merchandise. The few dollars earned (?) by such methods do not advance the cause of Christ. The titles alone of some of these church entertainments are enough to condemn them. Here are a few selected from last season's church performances: "A Living Picture Show," "A Female Negro Minstrel Show," "Menagerie of Living Animals," "The Dog Show," "A Hayseed Party," "A Dude Drill," "A Boxing Match," "The Ankle Social," "Trilby Social."

If Jesus Christ came to one of these socials He would very likely upset the whole performance, as He did the tables of the money changers in the temple.

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The statement has been made by one of the Hartford papers, and the truth of the statement has been proved, that votes were very largely pur-

chased in this city during the recent election. And yet no prosecutions have followed. The stability of our form of government depends upon an honest ballot, and every one who debauches it should be punished to the full extent of the law, be their station high or low.

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One of the best arguments yet presented for an indeterminate sentence for criminals has just been shown in the record of the burglar recently shot at Gales Ferry. Repeatedly he has been committed to the state prison for the crime of burglary, and at the expiration of each sentence has been set at liberty to again prey upon society. After a second or third commitment his sentence should have been for life. It is an injustice to society, as well as to the criminal himself, to restore liberty to a man after it has repeatedly been forfeited.

BUSINESS AND PLEASURE.

Nothing succeeds like success, but success in business depends upon giving the people what they want, when they want it, at a reasonable price. It is the close application of this principle which has made the Farmington Ave. Grocery such a popular place for trading under the management of Mr. A. C. Rose. A fresh stock of seasonable goods is always carried in stock, and the prices, as well as the prompt deliveries, make it a most desirable place to trade. In the meat as well as the grocery department the Thanksgiving supplies are now complete, and your order can be placed at any time.

"That Boston school-teacher wanted me to propose by letter."

"What for?"

"She said many a man who was all right on grammar was terribly shaky on spelling."—Indianapolis Journal.

Furniture for the dining room is the order of the day at Seidler & May's furniture house. For the coming festival and home coming the dining room can't be made too attractive. A large line of tables, chairs, sideboards, etc., are now on exhibition at the store, 306 to 318 Pearl St.

"I've come to tell you, sir, that the photographs you took of us the other day are not at all satisfactory. Why, my husband looks like an ape."

"Well, madam, you should have thought of that before you had him taken."—Tit-Bits.

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"Why not?"

"He says it hurts his feelings to see us waste time in which we might be making more mistakes." — Chicago Record.

APPEAL OF THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE FOR THE UNITED STATES.

To all Christian People:

At the close of the last century a concert of prayer was observed by many Christians of both the old world and the new, and the united intercession was followed by unusual spiritual blessing. Accordingly, by more than one ecclesiastical fellowship abroad, and by some of our own Christian leaders, the wish for a similar world-wide union of prayer has been earnestly expressed, and various movements in the direction of united prayer during the coming months have actually been entered upon.

These are times of both hopefulness and dread. On the one hand, there are unwonted tokens of the coming of God's Kingdom. Light is everywhere breaking forth. In realms material, intellectual, spiritual, there is onward movement. Old ignorances and superstitions and tyrannies, are breaking up. The rights and duties of the individual, the office and welfare of society, the mission of the church, the largeness of the Kingdom itself, are better and better understood. The brotherhood of man, the Fatherhood of God, the unity in Christ of all true Christians, are taking on new meaning and new power. In spite of adverse forces, God is magnifying the witness for Himself in every land.

On the other hand, there is a perilous unrest. There is a vast questioning of truths and faiths. There is haughty self-assertion. There is a disposition to count this present world of controlling moment. The sense of the Word's inspired supremacy, of sin's fatal demerit, of God's infinite grace in Christ, of love's atoning sacrifice, of eternity's decisive awards, is far too weak. The veritable kingship of our Lord, the real sovereignty of His teaching and commands, His divine pre-eminence as the way, the truth, and the life, are far too lightly held.

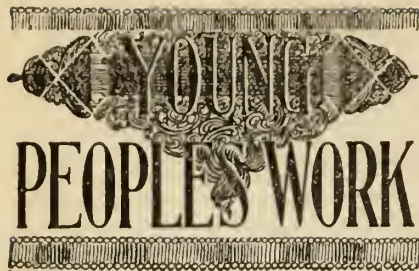
Meanwhile, the world-movements sweep on. Nations are in commotion. Civilizations are in conflict. The coming century will be, in many ways, a decisive century. What then so urgent as true intercession with Him who, holding supreme control, has promised to hear and answer united prayer?

It is therefore recommended, as stimulating and emphasizing the movement for united prayer, that the first Sunday of December be everywhere given to earnest consideration of the great need, and to faithful request for God's great blessing,—special public and private intercession being thenceforth faithfully continued. It is also suggested that churches and individuals mark the advent of New Year's by watch-night prayer. Further, all believers are invited to devote the week (January 6th to 13th inclusive) of the new year and the new century, to special prayer for one another, for the Church Universal, and for the unsaved world.

If believers unite in the prayer of faith, remembering that faith includes the life and the works, the kingdom will gloriously advance.

WILLIAM E. DODGE,
President.

L. T. CHAMBERLAIN,
Secretary.



HARTFORD C. E. UNION ANNUAL.

The annual meeting of the Hartford C. E. Union passed off very pleasantly at the First Baptist church, Wednesday, October 24, afternoon and evening.

The collation which was served so admirably by the ladies of the Suffolk street society was one of the most pleasant features. The supplies for this refreshment were furnished by the several societies as usual, each contributing generously.

The afternoon meeting was taken up with reports of union officers and committees and from each society. Following these H. D. Olmsted led in an open parliament on better union work. This opened a discussion that occupied some time, on the advisability of continuing the sectional meeting plan of the union. As a result of this discussion a special union meeting will doubtless be held very shortly, that the union may be more widely represented. Mr. J. W. Logan of Meriden spoke on Junior work, after which the meeting adjourned to the supper which was waiting in the parlor below. Nearly 400 were accommodated at this part of the exercises.

In the evening Rev. Harold Pattison, pastor of the church, opened the meeting with a prayer service, and after the award of banner and announcement of election, Mr. H. H. Spooner, ex-president of the Connecticut C. E. Union, spoke on "Better Church Work," and Rev. J. S. Lyon, the new state president, spoke on "Better Society Work." These very interesting addresses were followed by a resolution service, led by President Goslee, in which each society responded with their New Year's resolution in the form of a scripture selection. The banner was re-awarded to the Rocky Hill Congregational society. During the afternoon the Glenwood Congregational society was re-admitted and the Asylum Avenue Baptist society was received. The officers elected were: President, Henry S. Goslee; secretary and treasurer, Miss Grace D. Thayer; Junior superintendent, Miss Myrtie C. Calhoun; vice-presidents, E. L. Weaver, E. H. Munger, A. H. Brooks, L. W. Ripley and F. C. Bidwell.

During the discussion in regard to sectional meetings that occupied so much time, it was universally conceded that the good of the union was the only thing that prompted the discussion. Each society should carefully consider this, to be enabled to vote right when the occasion should come.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR PRAYER MEETING TOPICS.

(From the Presbyterian C. E. Manual.)

Nov. 18.—What Intemperance Costs Our Nation.—Prov. 23:1-7, 15-21.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

We pay our national liquor bill in:—
Wrecked manhood and hopeless childhood;
The tears of mothers and wives;
The wreckage of homes once happy;
The lost hopes of youth;
The dead who fall a prey to the merciless drink demon;
Suborned juries and bribed public servants;
Corrupt politics and debauched legislatures;
Criminals produced by the saloon;
Idiot and paupers bred by strong drink;
A legion of jails and an army of policemen, made necessary by liquor;
The dulling of consciences;
The shame of godly parents with drunken sons;
A perverted vision on questions associated with the saloon issue;
Disobedience to Christian duty.

November 25.—Praise the Lord.
Ps. 147:1-20.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

Praise the Lord because he deserves praise. He is God.
Praise the Lord for life and life's commonest blessings.
Praise the Lord for eyes that see, ears that hear, and bodies that are in health.
Praise the Lord for a day and land rich in possibilities.
Praise the Lord for an everyday chance to be helpful.
Praise the Lord for a home and creature comforts.
Praise the Lord for friends who love you and trust you.
Praise the Lord for good books, and especially for the Book of books.
Praise the Lord for sins forgiven, and for help to become holy.
Praise the Lord for his patience and sympathy.

Dec. 2.—Spending Time and Taking Pains for Christ.—Matt. 25:1-13.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

Religion is either all or nothing.
We cannot serve Christ without taking time to it.
Painstaking makes perfect.
No one ever happens to become a good Christian. Saints are fashioned on the anvil of time and trouble and thought.
We take pains to learn good manners; shall we take less pains to learn saintliness?
We never succeed in serving Christ until we make a business of it.
Purpose and pains are the price of perfection.
Time invested for Jesus pays best dividends.
Christ gave his life for us, and he demands nothing less than a life from us.
"For Christ" may be written over every action of a loyal life.

December 9.—How to Listen.
Matt. 13:1-23.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

When the heart listens the ears hear.
The listener who is intent on hearing the birds will not notice the crickets.

There is a time to hear and a time to be deaf.

God speaks only to listening ears.

The ears are but gateways to the heart.

When the ears hear truth the life should speak it.

The ears are next to the brain, whose servant they are.

Inattention is the secret of forgetfulness. We always remember that which interests us.

Poor ears are to blame oftener than poor sermons.

We are to hear that we may heed.

He who cannot listen ought not to speak.

It is the ears, as much as the lips, that make the prophet.



WOMAN'S WORK

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union held two meetings during October. At the first meeting a very entertaining report of the annual state convention held recently at Meriden was read. This was the silver anniversary and was made especially interesting by the presence of the national president and vice-president. Mrs. Stevens, national president, gave a stirring address, and Miss Anna Gordon, vice-president, spoke to the children in the afternoon, and to the adults in the evening. One pleasant feature of the convention was the presentation of silver souvenirs to Mrs. Forbes, our state president, and to her husband who so kindly assists her in all her work and who is a loyal friend of the W. C. T. U.

The county songs were good, winning much applause. Hartford county had one of the best.

The Hartford Union will give a reception to the new members Tuesday evening, Nov. 20th, at Fraternity Hall, Y. M. C. A. building.

The membership contest has added to our lists about fifty new members, and so we hope to have an added interest and enthusiasm in our work.

If anybody will take charge of all Boston's poverty and crime which results from drunkenness, the South Congregational church, of which I have the honor to be the minister, will alone take charge of all the rest of the poverty which needs relief in the city of Boston.—Edward Everett Hale, D. D., in Union Signal.

THE SHELTER FOR WOMEN.

Another year's work has been recorded for time—for eternity.

The eighth annual meeting of the committee was held on the 8th of the month.

The attendance was good and real interest manifested in the work. Within the year we have had as members of our family forty women and ten children, also one hundred and fifty

women and twenty-two children as lodgers.

Miss Sisson of New London, formerly a missionary in India, gave us a very helpful talk at one of our Sabbath afternoon services recently.

We have had the privilege of doing some work in the neighborhood. Just a little here and there to help some one whose home life lacks many of the common comforts of life.

We very much appreciate the kindness of friends in remembering us with fruit.

We are sorry to learn of the withdrawal of Mrs. Dr. Starr from our committee.

Thanksgiving is near. We are anticipating a very pleasant time—a reuniting of "home ties."



Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The Young Men's Christian Association has arranged for a series of men's mass meetings to be held in the Hartford opera house commencing with Sunday, Nov. 25, and continuing for five successive Sundays. Some of the finest orators in the country have been engaged and this series is bound to be a notable one. The order will be as follows:

Nov. 25, 2:45 p. m., Prof. Walter A. Wyckoff of Princeton, (author of "The Workers"), subject, "Strikes." Dec. 2, 3:45 p. m., Rev. Wm. Fraser McDowell, S.T.D., L.L.D., subject, "David Livingston." Dec. 9, 3:45 p. m., Lyman Beecher Sperry, M.D., A. M., subject, "Male and Female, or the Significance of Sex." Dec. 16, 3:45 p. m., Merrill E. Gates, Ph.D., L.L.D., ex-president of Amherst, subject to be announced. Dec. 23, 3:45 p. m., Rev. Geo. E. Reed, D.D., L.L.D., president of Dickinson College, subject to be announced. Dec. 30, 3:45 p. m., Noel H. Jacks, (new general secretary), subject to be announced.

Prof. FGrank J. Benedict has been training a male chorus which will render special music at all of these services.

The following series of lectures will be delivered at Jewell hall by Dr. Lyman Beecher Sperry: These lectures will be for men with two exceptions, as the list below indicates:

Monday, Dec. 10, 7:45 p. m., "The Condition and Possibilities of the Human Race." Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2:30 p. m., special address to women. 7:45 p. m., "Seven Seductive Satans." Wednesday, Dec. 12, 7:45 p. m., "Friendly Enemies; or, Mockery and Mockers." Thursday, Dec. 13, 7:45 p. m., "Brain, Nerve and Character; or, the Science of Success." Friday, Dec. 14, 4:15 p. m., talk to boys. 7:45 p.

m., Question drawer. "Gather up the Fragments."

The Bible school opening in the language of our present, was "the most auspicious opening of the school yet held." Four classes have been provided for as follows:

Dr. Ballantyne's class in the inductive study of the books has met with unusual success. First session, Friday, November 2, from 7 to 8 p. m.

General secretary's training class for the development of Christian young men in personal and church work. Meets Friday evenings at 8. Social tea at 6:30.

Evangelistic class. This will be a "Christocentric Reading Circle" in connection with our men's vesper service and immediately following it. The object of this reading circle is to assist men in becoming personally acquainted with Jesus.

The junior Bible class has opened with increased interest and attendance by the boys. The course followed will be a systematic reading of the life of Christ as written in the "Gospels."

Jewell hall was full on Sunday, Nov. 11, and some had to leave for lack of seats. The singing of the Fisk University students was fine and the address by Dean Merrill spirited and impressive.

A packed hall is looked for on Sunday, Nov. 18, when Dr. Ray will deliver his famous address "How Eagles Fly."

Two thousand men are looked for to hear Prof. Wyckoff at the Hartford opera house on Nov. 25. The work- ingmen will turn out in force.

ADDITIONAL CHURCHES.

CENTER CONGREGATIONAL.

During the month the various organizations of the church have held their opening meetings and are now settling down to regular work. The Junior Auxiliary appears this year under the new title of The Young Ladies' Home Missionary club. The Young Ladies' Club for the Study of Missions is taking up Japan under the guidance of Mrs. Waldo S. Pratt. The Woman's Home Missionary Society is preparing things for the first barrel. The Teachers' meetings have never been so well attended as this fall. This perhaps accounts for the continually increasing interest in the school.

The Normal class holds its first meeting this week.

A Boys' Travel club has been organized and a trip to Palestine has been arranged. The party is to sail Friday, Nov. 23. The first paper is by Robert King.

The first teachers' tea was well attended and at the meeting which immediately followed, a general survey of the year's work was taken.

The Young People's society is arranging for a social evening with Mr. and Mrs. Hickox on Monday, Nov. 19.

Miss Clara Wells and Mrs. Talmadge have been appointed delegates to the state Sunday school convention at Bridgeport this week.

The Mission Circle meets as usual on alternate Saturdays. The study this year is on Japan.

Mrs. Potter, Mrs. Jewell, Miss Brown and Miss Wells attended the recent meeting of the Woman's Board in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Potter announce in this week's calendar that they mean always to be at home on Wednesday, afternoon and evening.

TRINITY CHURCH.

A course of ten lectures by Miss Emily Morgan is about to be given in our parish, on the "Development of Religious Art" provided enough of our young people, for whom it is primarily intended, signify their intention of attending. The fee of one dollar will be devoted to a well known benevolence.

A humorous illustrated entertainment, from Palmer Cox's drawings, "How Columbus Found America," was well attended by the Sunday school scholars, who seemed much amused.

Miss Cleveland and Miss Stokes have recently been added to our list of substitute teachers, and Mr. Wm. Bartlett has joined the clerical force in the library.

Mr. Cleveland is still reading service and conducting Sunday school at Grace Chapel in the absence of Rev. Mr. MacNaught.

Bible classes for young men and young women, Sundays at 2:30.

CITY MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

At the Morgan street mission the Sunday school is increasing in numbers every Sunday.

The sewing school opened Monday, Nov. 5th, at 3:30 p. m., and will meet on that day weekly till April.

The Girls' club meetings are held Thursday afternoon after school for the younger girls, and Friday evening the Loyalty club meet, composed of girls from fourteen to sixteen.

The evening school opened Nov. 12 at 7 p. m., holding four evenings a week. This school is appreciated by some of the business men on the "east side," as well as by some young people who desire to read and write English.

Electricity has been put into the building to accommodate the evening school and the sewing classes; and is much appreciated by all who have tried to work there at night.

An extensive line of 1900-1901 fur neckwear, muffs, jackets, etc., is now on exhibition at the establishment of Alfred Williams, the furrier, at No. 99 Pratt street. Mr. Williams being a well-informed and practical furrier, avails himself of every opportunity offered the market for purchasing fine skins at their lowest value, thereby enabling him to sell them accordingly. Since last March quite an advance has been made in many furs, among them fox, lynx and seal, while mink shows a decline. Astrakhan and electric seal show a small advance. The latter will be used largely for jackets, while with the exception of those for evening wear, few capes, if any, are shown. The collarette in all its popularity will be worn again this season. Very like it is the storm collar which makes its first appearance this season. Those who enter this store, whether intent on purchasing or otherwise, will find Mr. Williams and his assistants ready to give any information, figures on alterations, or to show their almost endless line of furs for ladies' wear, robes, rugs and gentlemen's overcoats.

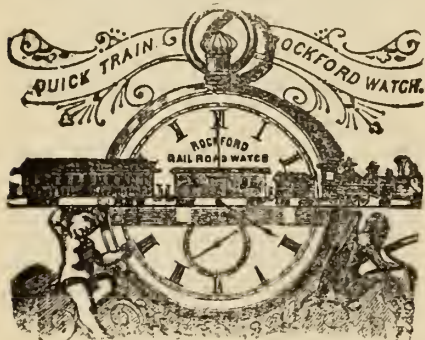
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GRANULAR EYELIDS.

This is a very distressing and often serious form of conjunctivitis, or inflammation of the mucous membrane covering the eyeball and the lids. As its name implies, it is usually confined to the membrane which lines the lids; but it may also creep on to the eye portion, and even when it does not it often excites other troubles there which may endanger the sight. The disease is much less common than it used to be. At one time it was almost constantly to be found in orphan asylums, schools, armies, and wherever numbers of people lived together in more or less intimate contact, and often in such places extensive epidemics of the disease occurred.

We now know that the trouble is contagious, and may be spread from one person to another through the common use of towels, pillows, and so forth; and this knowledge has led to a marked reduction in the prevalence of the affection, through the enforcement of isolation and the observance of greater cleanliness.

The disease usually begins in an acute form with redness of the eyeballs, swelling of the lids, itching and watering of the eyes, and an extreme intolerance of light. The eyes feel hot and tender, and there is usually a slight glairy discharge.

At this stage the symptoms are the same as those of an ordinary conjunctivitis or cold in the eye, but when the acute stage begins to subside, the eyes do not get well. The under surface of the lids becomes covered with little granules of a deep red color. After a while these granulations may ulcerate, and then the discharge from the eye increases and becomes thick and yellowish.

Following this stage, which is sometimes very slight in degree, the membrane lining the lids becomes dry and parchment-like, and contracts, rolling the lids inward, so that the lashes rub against the eyeball. This rubbing causes irritation, blood-vessels grow down over the upper part, and a fleshy mass forms which remains as a permanent disfigurement, as well as an impediment to vision, when it encroaches upon the pupil.

The treatment of granular lids is very difficult, for the disease is exceedingly obstinate. For this reason prevention is a matter of the utmost importance. A child who suffers from this, or any eye affection, should have his own wash-basin, soap, towels, napkins and handkerchiefs. He should sleep alone, and in every possible way should be prevented from coming in close contact with others, so long at least as there is any discharge from the eyes.—The Youth's Companion.

EXERCISE FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE.

While the elderly man has less capacity for some forms of exercise than the younger adult, he has no less need than the other of the general and local effects of the exercise.

It is in the earliest period of mature age that the most characteristic manifestations of defects of nutrition—obesity, gout, and diabetes, in which lack of exercise plays an important part—are produced; and the treatment of them demands imperiously a stirring up of the vital combustion.

Placed between a conviction that exercise is necessary, and a fear of the dangers of exercise, the mature man ought, therefore, to proceed with the strictest method in the application of this powerful modifier of nutrition.

It is impossible, however, to trace methodically a single rule for all men of the same age, for all do not offer the same degree of preservation. We might, perhaps, find a general formula for the age at which the muscles and bones have retained all their power of resistance, and at which the heart and vessels begin to lose their capacity to

REV. W. B. TUTHILL.

Rev. William Bodle Tuthill was installed as pastor of the First Congregational church, East Hartford, November 7, after nearly a year's service as acting pastor.

Mr. Tuthill was born in Goshen, N. Y., in 1868, where his early life was spent on the farm. His college preparation was made at Goshen Institute, and after two years of school teaching he entered Colby College at Waterville, Maine. He took a high stand in college, was class president and president of the Y. M. C. A. and received many prizes during his course especially in the line of public speaking and debating. After graduation he entered Union Seminary where he pursued his first year of theological study. The last two years were spent at Hartford Seminary. Before completing the course he was



REV. W. B. TUTHILL.

Pastor of First Congregational Church East Hartford.

perform their functions.

The mature man can safely brave all exercises that bring on muscular fatigue, but he must approach with great care those which provoke shortness of breath.

Cardinal Manning, who was greatly interested in temperance work, was lying sick unto death, or nearly so, at his home. Much remained for him to do in the way of arranging his temporal affairs, and his physicians urged him to take a few drops of alcohol, but his response was, "Never. For the good of my people I have renounced it, and it shall never be said that I was unfaithful to my pledge; no, not even to save my life." Still urged he forbade the subject to be referred to again, and declared that he would go before his Master and Judge if need be, but he would go with his pledge inviolate. — Temperance Cause.

called to the pastorate of the Congregational church in Kensington, Conn., going there upon graduation. Two years and a half were spent in that parish where his efforts met with success and secured the ardent support of his parishioners. He came from Kensington to East Hartford last December. Mrs. Tuthill, who has won a warm place in the hearts of the people, was graduated in his class at Colby College. They have two children.

At the council, which was largely attended, Mr. Tuthill's paper was received as exceptionally satisfactory and there were no questions asked.

The sermon at the installation was delivered by Rev. Alexander R. Merriam, the installing prayer by Rev. G. F. Waters, the charge to the pastor by Rev. William W. Ranney, the right hand of fellowship by Rev. C. H. Barber, and the charge to the people by Rev. E. E. Nourse.



Conducted by Mr. George Whipple Steele

Questions on musical subjects of general interest will be answered in this department.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Mrs. S.—Hartford:

In Chopin's Etudes, Kullak's edition, look at remark b, to No. VIII. There you will find a caution that, if heeded, will be helpful to you in your study of all etudes.

Miss C.—Bristol:

The information you wish for will be found in "How Music Developed," by Henderson. The book should be in the town library.

Mr. E.—Hartford:

Ebenezer Prout was born in 1835. He once thought of following school teaching as a profession, but later decided to become a music teacher. He seems to be proud of the fact that he was self-taught, in music. He has written various theoretical works, has published many compositions of merit and as a teacher is in great demand.

You will find a list of his works in Baker's Biographical Dictionary of Musicians.

TUNING A PIPE ORGAN.

It takes Two or Three Days and Is a Nerve Trying Job.

"The misuse which many pipe organs suffer is a wonder to me," said a veteran organ tuner and builder. "Church organs cost from \$1,000 to \$10,000. They are sensitive to changes of temperature and yet many are heated and chilled once a week all winter and allowed to get damp soaked in summer. The same people who neglect an organ will take good care of a piano costing a tenth or twentieth as much.

"An organ is a good deal like a human being when it comes to changes of the thermometer. Sudden drops put a man out of tune and it's the same with the instrument. It needs an even, moderate temperature during the winter instead of a roasting on Sunday and a freeze the rest of the week. In summer a stone or brick church gets damp. A slight fire once a week will keep the organ dry.

"A pipe organ requires tuning at least once a year and the best instruments are looked over two or three times in that period. It is a two or three days' job and needs two men. Besides the tuner up in the organ an assistant must be at the keyboard to hold down the keys. Temperature has to be considered even in tuning. All the pipes must be brought to pitch at about the same degree and this degree should be that which the organ usually has when in use.

"I believe that pipe organ tuning is the most nervous work one can tackle. In fact, after long experience I have come to believe that I tune with my nerves. No, I don't refer to the nerves of hearing. I get my impressions that way, but I tune with my nervous system. My assistant strikes a chord. If it is not true I feel a nervous stress and strain. As soon as the chord is true my nerves become harmonious too. It sounds funny, but it's so.

"Two or three days may seem like a long time to take to tune an organ, but when you stop to think of the 1,700 pipes in a large modern instrument it isn't so long. A large organ will have a compass of five octaves or sixty-one keys. These instruments have twenty-eight registers and a pipe to each key and register brings the number to 1,708. Not every key and register has a pipe, but as some have two it amounts to that. The pipes are of all sorts and sizes, most of them wood but many of metal. A small number of the large and long wooden pipes never get out of tune. They are too long. For many years the fancy pipes at the front of the organ were only ornamental, but nowadays these sound as well.

"I find that pipe tuning is a mystery to most people. They can understand how the piano strings are tightened and loosened. But changes in the pitch of pipes queer them. It isn't strange either, for the average organ has five kinds of tuning. Of course, the pitch depends on the length of the pipe. The pitch may be raised by shortening the pipe or by stopping the open end. A number of the wooden pipes are stopped by wooden slides. Handles are attached and the pipe is tuned by moving the slides up or down. Other woods have set in the top a piece of metal which is rolled or bent over partially to stop the pipe.

"Ribbon strips are cut in the sides of the tall metal pipes and rolled down. These break the column of air and act the same as cutting off the top of the pipe. Another kind of pipes, the reeds, are on a different principle. The length of the reed controls the pitch. A wire presses tightly against the reed and is moved to lengthen or shorten the vibrating length."—N. Y. Sun.

NOTES.

The Center church vesper services are again attracting the attention of lovers of good music.

A Theological student is to try his hand at music in the Congregational church in Newington, Conn.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

Washington, Nov. 7, 1900.

Secretary Hay's latest dispatches from Minister Conger indicate progress, not in the negotiations with the Chinese Peace Commissioners, but in reaching an agreement among the representatives of the powers interested as to the exact nature of the demands that shall be made on China. No doubt is entertained at the Department of State as to the prompt acceptance by China of the program when once it has been agreed upon by the powers. A portion of that program has already been unanimously

adopted by the foreign ministers in Peking, all of whom are actively participating in the conferences, but has not been made public, and is not likely to be until final action has been taken.

The cablegram sent to the President by General Wood, by request of a majority of the delegates to the Cuban Constitutional Convention, which assembled at Havana this week, indicates a better feeling towards the United States than had been outlined in previous publications in our papers. Following is the cablegram: "The delegates elected to the constitutional convention, assembled at their inaugural meeting, greet with profound gratitude and affection the President of the United States of North America, and they are satisfied with the honesty demonstrated in the fulfillment of the declarations made in favor of the liberty and independence of the Cuban people."

Dr. A. S. Fiske preached a strong and interesting sermon, at the Gunton Temple Memorial church, in commemoration of the Christian missionaries murdered in China, taking his text from Revelations XIV:13 — "Blessed are the dead, who die in the Lord." He said in part: "In our century has sprung up again that old exceeding grandeur of soul, which forgets self to remember man and Christ, his Savior. The world's greatest works, heroic things, things sublime, are being done today as never before since the days of the apostles. They are being done by modest and humble men and women, who, with no dreams of fame, but with Christianity and love only for men, whom they live and die to save, whose only gains are earthly loss. In these days has come to these groups of heroes in one great empire their time of testing. One hundred and fifty of them have given the last full proof of their devotion and won their martyr crowns amidst horrors beyond those of earlier times. Fifteen thousand of their meek converts have been tortured to death, not accepting deliverance through denial of their God. Nor have they faltered when any strait thing has befallen them. They remembered the twenty-five years of horrible persecution through which Madagascar passed till a princess converted to their persecuted faith came to the throne. They recalled Uganda, with its massacred missionaries and its hundreds of converts facing death without flinching for Jesus' sake. They recalled that the way to Christian triumphs in every land now civilized and Christian, had been through the fires of persecution and blood of martyrs. There was no flinching. No missionary left his post till orders came from the boards at home, or from the consuls of their provinces, or from friendly or hostile native officials, that they better go. Of the living who passed through those great tribulations with heroic faith equal to that of those triumphant dead, let it be said, some of them are worn, aged, and broken by their terrible experience. Some are marred for life by their beatings and savage hackings. But no one of them fails of courage or confident faith of China's swifter and more complete redemption. Not one of them who does not believe that the souls of these Chinese martyred Christians are worth all that has been suffered.

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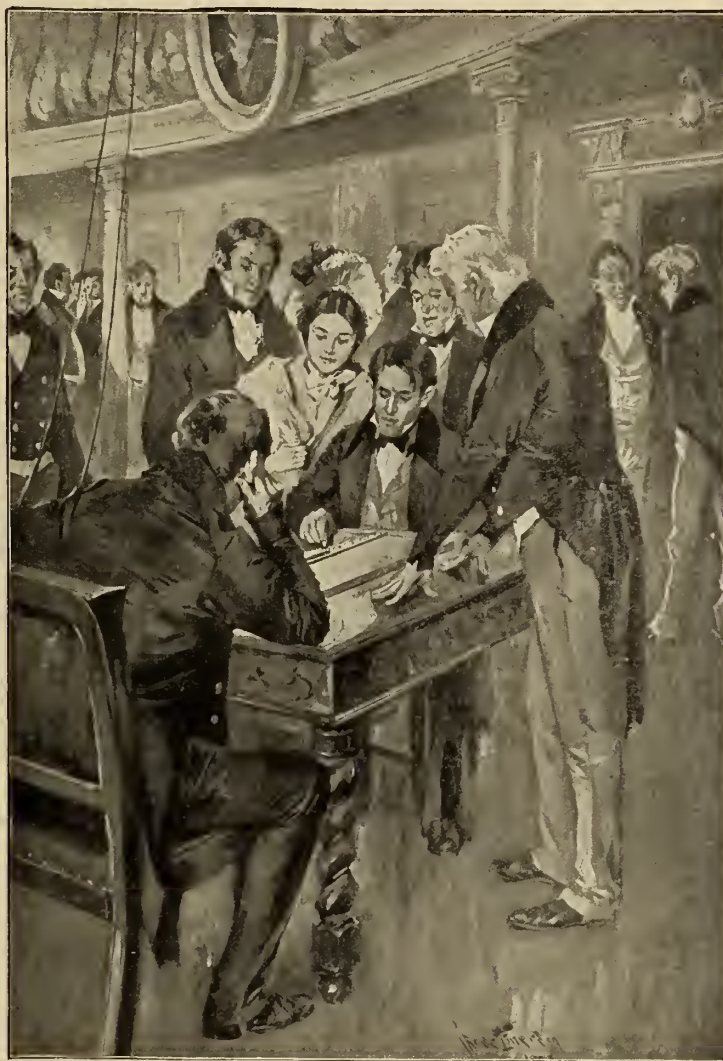
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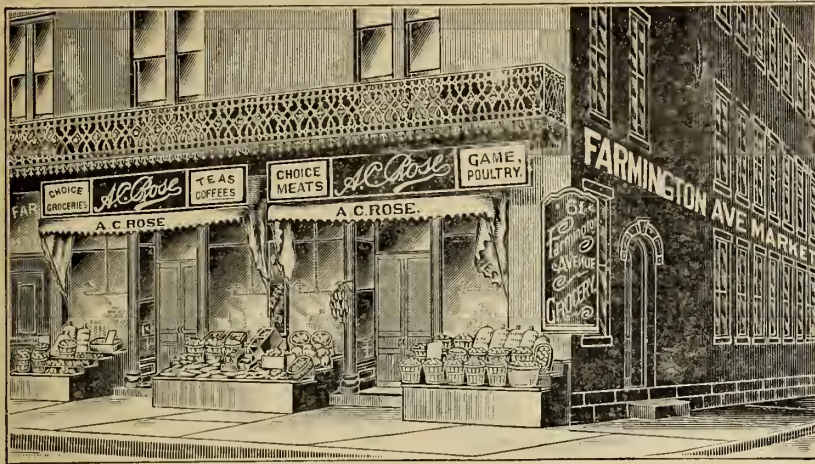
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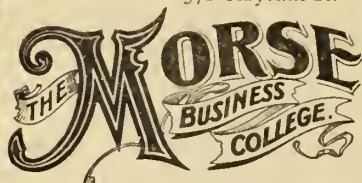
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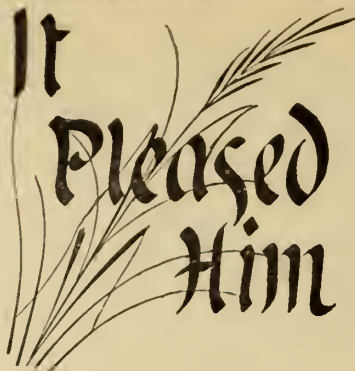
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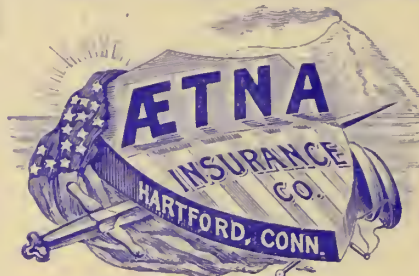
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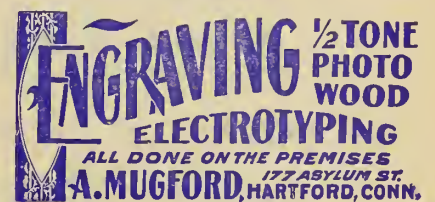
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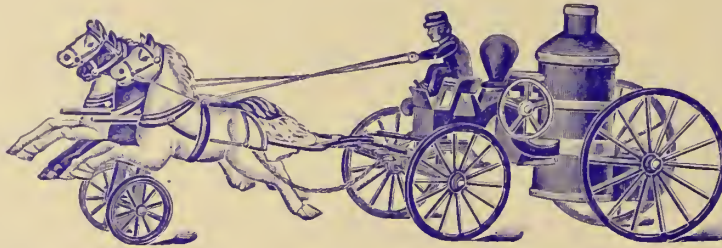
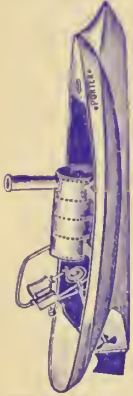
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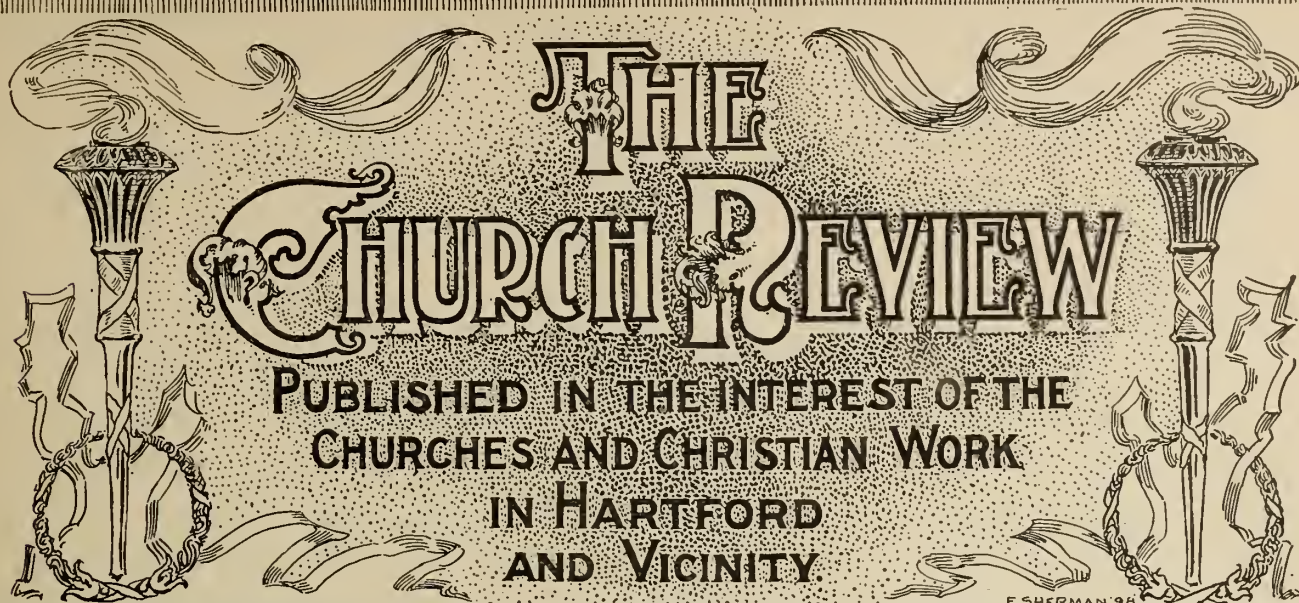
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WHEN CHRISTMAS COMES.

When Christmas comes,
The Sailor on the seas afloat,
The traveler in lands remote,
The warrior by the camp-fire's light,
The courtier in the palace bright,
The student by the midnight lamp,
The miner deep in dust and damp,
Alike uplift, through riven skies,
A wondrous look of glad surprise,
When Christmas comes.

—Selected.

THE OLD AND THE NEW.

The New Year came to the Old Year's door

When the sands were wasting thin;
And the frost lay white on the Old Year's thatch,
And his hand grew chill as he slipped the latch

To let the New Year in.

And the New Year perched in the Old Year's chair,

And warmed by the Old Year's fire;
And the Old Year watched him with wistful gaze

As he stretched his hands to the fading blaze,

And cinders of dead desire.

And the Old Year prated, as Old Years will,

Of summer and vanished spring;
And then of the future, with grave advice,—

Of love, and sorrow, and sacrifice,
That the seasons' round would bring.

And the New Year listened, and warmed his heart

In the bloom of the Old Year's past;
But he gave no heed of the thorns that lay

In the bud and blow of a coming day,
And nodding, he dreamed at last.

The New Year came to the Old Year's door

And warmed in the Old Year's chair;
And the Old Year talked till the New Year slept,

Then forth in the night he softly stepped,

And left the New Year there.

—HARPER'S BAZAR.

IS THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT GROWING IN THE WORLD?

By Rev. Edward S. Ferry.

Of the growth of the Christmas fash on there can be no question. We do not need to turn back to those old Puritan times for confirmation of the fact. In recent years the increase of the ostentatious observance of Christmas is very evident. Gifts are distributed more widely and with more lavish expenditure. Business enterprise has encouraged the fashion. Publishers have cultivated and inspired it. Jews, pagans and atheists join with Christians in celebrating the day. It has become a universal fashion. But is the Christmas spirit growing?

It is interesting to study the legends and customs which determined and still, in part, determine the Christmas-tide festivities. For it was not observed as a festival in its beginning, with the purpose of illustrating and repeating the first divine Christmas. It was an adoption by the church in the fourth century of a pagan custom, the candles and the gifts of the Saturnalian festival being translated into Christian significance. It gathered also something of the pagan characteristics of the countries where Christianity supplanted other religions. And these pagan legends and customs have continued in association with Christian ideals of the observance. For example, from the Danes we learned to twine wreaths of holly with the scarlet berries, as the crown of thorns was made, they said, from holly. When the thorns touched the Saviour's brow, they softened into pointed leaves, and the berries, white before, were made scarlet in his blood. From Germany comes the Christmas tree, which on Christmas eve, the legend runs, blossoms again, on that night being relieved of the curse of fruitlessness, which it has suffered since Eve plucked from it the forbidden fruit. Because the Norse goddess Hertha was supposed to descend in the smoke of the great fire built upon large flat stones at the end of the hall where her feast was celebrated, we have our hearth-stones and our great Yule-log fire,

while Santa Claus enters by the chimney as Hertha did.

Now when we remember that these and other similar elements, pagan as well as Christian, in origin, constituted, as they still do in some countries, the sum and substance of Christmas observance, shall we conclude that because these features are less in vogue that the Christmas spirit is less than formerly? By no means. How far these childhood associations with Christmas should be encouraged and perpetuated, is not now under discussion. I think it is true, however, that, even where Santa Claus and hanging stockings are not neglected, the truer Christian ideal is more generally cultivated than in earlier days.

Let us ask what interpretation the writers of the New Testament gave of the meaning of that first Christmas-tide. For the Christmas spirit changes not. It is the incarnation and manifestation in man of the same spirit which God revealed in the original. For we mean, if we mean anything, to repeat and emphasize at least, in some measure, on the anniversary of Christ's birth, what God meant then towards men. Why did God make the gift which has set the whole world agiving? We read the answer in the familiar words, "God so loved that he gave." What did He give? "His only begotten Son," the best self-expression and self-sacrifice possible. And to whom? "God commendeth His love in that while we were yet sinners" His consummate gift in sacrifice was offered free to all. Such was the divine Christmas spirit in motive, measure and direction. As first evidence of this significance, before the slower unfolding of that gift which the years of the life of Jesus effected, came the great proclamation of the Angel, Peace upon earth, good will towards men."

This, then, should be the Christmas spirit today, unselfish love manifested towards those who most need it, and in ways which include self-giving. The delight of giving to loved ones, who return our love, is not excluded. It is quite natural for us to give renewed expressions of our love by gifts to dear friends, but it is quite God-like to go beyond that inner circle and to take

within the embrace of unselfish purpose and generous deeds the outer circle of the unloved and unloving. Yet the practice of this spirit is more evident at the end of this century than at any other time in the history of the world. It cannot be denied that there is quite as much selfishness, but, on the other hand, we discover a larger proportion of men and women devoted to unselfish ministries for the relief of the poor and the suffering. All the year round the Christmas spirit is exercised not only through the many organized charities, to the support of which a very large number contribute generously, but by that better charity which is rendered, not by proxy, but in direct personal effort and sympathy. No one knows this better than the pastors of our churches. How much of the Christmas spirit is directed towards the blessing of children. The wise men of old sought the child Jesus and laid at his feet their best gifts. We are doing the same. The star of childhood is guiding our wise men and women.

When the child shall have been found and honored and trained as God's child, this will not long continue a lost world. The finding of the child will be the best discovery of the new century.

The Christmas spirit of peace and good will towards men is growing. Greater revolutions have occurred during the latter half of the closing century than in many centuries preceding. They have been chiefly the victories of peace. The battle-fields have been in the world of civilizing forces, social, educational, commercial. We cannot close our eyes to the pages which are written in blood—pages not a few yet wet with blood dipped from unhealed wounds. The voices of the helpless smitten by injustice, victims of covetousness, unprotected from the merciless ravages of rum and lust, cry to us. Nevertheless, the signs of the sure progress of the Gospel of Peace are multiplying. Wherever the battle flags advance to war, the Red Cross banner of mercy and help for friend and foe flies beside them.

"I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

But in despair I bowed my head,
"There is no peace on earth" I said,
For hate is strong,
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth good will to men.

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep,
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep!"
The wrong shall fail,
The right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men!"

How and where does the Christmas spirit grow in the world? In the heart of the individual, not of the multitude. Peace societies and conferences of world-powers will never drive the war-spirit from the earth until the spirit of the gospel of peace shall have banished hate and war from the heart of man as man. It remains then for each of us to answer the question of this paper.

Our best belongs to our beloved.

A SCHOLAR WITHIN PRISON WALLS.

By Rev. George M. Stone, D.D.

John H. Davis was sentenced to life imprisonment in the Connecticut Penitentiary in the year 1879, for complicity in the escape of a convict. Davis himself held the position of a keeper in charge of one of the prison wards at the time. The crime was a grave breach of an important trust, involving also the loss of a life in the effort of the convict to get away.

In the year 1883 I addressed the prisoners one Sunday afternoon, the theme being a visit to Stratford-on-Avon, the home of Shakespeare. With the details of a visit made the year previous freshly in mind, the scenery of the town was described, and its connection with passages of the great poet's works pointed out. The address was not written, and sentences which have long since passed out of the speaker's mind were seized and held in the memory of this lonely prisoner.

In a conversation with a reporter of the New York Herald long after, in reference to this address, Davis said: "The speaker concluded with these statements: 'As I went up through the meadows, and along the Avon at Stratford, I knew I was nearing the home of Shakespeare, for there were the flowers, just as when he wrote'

"When daisies pied and violets blue,
And lady-smocks all silver-white,
And cuckoo-buds of yellow hue,
Do paint the meadows with delight."

"The same flowers are there today. "In his talk the speaker quoted only a few lines from Shakespeare. He spoke of Lady Macbeth, however, and that scene in the fifth act of the play where she says: 'All the perfumes of Arabia will not sweeten this little hand.' This line impressed me, for it made me think of my own life. Finally he closed his address, and I shall never forget his words. He said: 'We can only hope that the man who saw everything in life as it was, the birds, the fields and the flowers, even when the film of death was upon his eyes, saw a man, a Saviour, as he was.'

"I went to my cell with these words ringing in my ears, determined to know something more of Shakespeare. The next day I asked the librarian for a copy of Shakespeare, and got it. I kept it as long as I could, and only gave it up when some other fellow asked for it. Then I waited anxiously until I could get it again, and so on, until I had read it through."

In the years that followed this man gave nearly every leisure moment of his narrow and restricted life to the study of the "myriad-minded" man, and became an expert in the knowledge of his various plays. The reporter mentioned states that Davis knew Shakespeare's works by heart "from cover to cover." This must be an overstatement, but his facility in quoting passages was probably not exceeded by any person. Some quotation was upon his tongue for every occasion, and it would seem that, while shut in from the outside world in his stone cell, he had so transferred the printed page to his mind that it became the medium, to a large extent, of his thoughts and emotions. He was a singular and most significant example of a triumph over circumstances, when those circumstances were enough to paralyze effort and produce despair.

The aptness and felicity of our prisoner's quotations indicated a degree of mental mastery of the true import of his favorite author, and not simply a memoriter knowledge. What is better still, these remembered words were so used as to indicate the true nobility of the man. At one time he had an opportunity to escape which he declined. When asked, "Why did you stay?" he replied, "In Timon of Athens, Shakespeare says, 'There is no time so miserable, but a man may be true.'"

Strenuous efforts were made by his friends to obtain a pardon for Davis, but the state board, to whom the pardoning power is committed, were very conservative, and though the judge who condemned him, the warden of the prison, and others, appealed in his behalf, it was not granted. Concerning this denial he said to the reporter, "You remember what the Duke said to Claudio? 'So, then, you hope of pardon from Lord Angelo?' I can only reply as did Claudio,

'The miserable have no other medicine,

But only hope.'

I have hope to live, and am prepared to die."

Convict Davis was a humble and consistent believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, and witnessed by a well-ordered life to the reality of his union to him. He was fond of tracing the thought of the Bible in Shakespeare. On the fly-leaf of his Bible were the words from Henry V., Act IV., scene 6, "With blood he seal'd a testament of noble ending love."

Speaking of the Bible and Shakespeare, he said in the conversation with the Herald representative:

"I have always read the Bible, and I love it. But Shakespeare has been a great comfort and consolation to me through all these years. The more I read his works the more I love him.

"Sometimes, when I read Shakespeare I think I am a free man again, with the flowers and the birds about me just as they are in Shakespeare. Within the past year I have suffered three hemorrhages, and sometimes I have felt that my time had about run. But like King Richard,

'I am sworn, brother sweet, to grim necessity!
And he and I will keep a league till death.'

"One of the first good things that impressed me about Shakespeare was that it was much like the Bible. He seemed to me to explain the Bible. He speaks of God and Christ so often that I decided to count the number of times the words occurred. So I punched a hole in this card every time I found such a reference. Finally I found that Shakespeare speaks of God and Christ 857 times, of mercy 179 times, of merciless twelve, and of merciful nineteen."

At the last visit I made to him he spoke with great earnestness of his entire trust in Christ, manifesting a patience and resignation which were clear marks of a spirit cleansed and purified. There was no trace of the convict in his kindly and really Christian face. Among over four hundred prisoners, his bearing was that of one who "endures as seeing him who is invisible."

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industries, manufactures, and the products of the soil, mine and sea," and also declared that "the proposed Pan-American Exposition, being confined to the Western Hemisphere and being held in the near vicinity of the great Niagara cataract, within a day's journey of which reside forty million people, would unquestionably be of vast benefit to the commercial interests, not only of this country, but of the entire hemisphere and should therefore have the sanction of the congress of the United States."

On behalf of the national government, the Department of State, in June, 1899, invited the governments of the Western Hemisphere to participate in

director of works of the Chicago exposition, as the most beautiful interior lake in the country. Its banks are generally steep and for the most part thickly wooded with flowering shrubs and trees of rare species. Numerous drives and shady walks skirt the lake.

The grounds of the exposition are considered the most accessible of any site that could have been chosen. The electric street railway connections are such that nearly all lines will be able to send their cars from remote points in the city direct to the exposition, affording quick transit to and from the grounds. The ride by electric cars is not more than 20 minutes from the business center of the city. A line of double track steam railway, known as the New York Central Belt Line, encircles the city and touches the northern boundary of the exposition grounds. To this belt line, and to the exposition station, and the storage warehouses, near by, all the steam railways entering Buffalo will have access.

The electric and steam lines to Niagara Falls are also near by and arrangements will be made so that visitors can take the cars at grounds for quick trips to the city of wonderful cataracts.

The principal buildings of the exposition surround a broad and beautiful court in the form of an inverted letter T. The transverse section of this court, known as the Esplanade, runs east and west, and is over 1,700 feet between the two extremes. The Court of Fountains, which lies north of the transverse court, is 500 feet wide and 2,000 feet from north to south. Entering the exposition grounds the visitor will pass through the beautiful entrance on Lincoln Parkway. Following the broad, beautiful park drive he will soon see the Albright Gallery of Art among the trees on his left. To the right he will see the new and beautiful park shelter and boat house, and crossing the great new bridge over the neck of water connecting the lake with North Bay he will get the first glimpse of the New York state build-



MACHINERY — PAN-AMERICAN EXPOSITION.

remote past. The world is enjoying more and more the priceless benefits of popular education. The wide dissemination of knowledge and the quickening of thought among the great mass of people have left their resultant expression in the countless useful inventions of machinery and appliances with which the world is today blessed, in the multitude of wonderful discoveries in science and in the marvelous artistic creations met with on every hand.

Great expositions are mile-stones in the progress of the world. On these occasions we turn our thoughts upon the vista of the past and take account of what mankind has done. The Pan-American Exposition will concern itself strictly with the progress of the states and countries of the Western Hemisphere and the new possessions of the United States during the Nineteenth century.

Its scope is, nevertheless, so broad as to include all departments of human effort. The purposes of the exposition are manifold. One great object is to bring into closer relationship, commercially and socially, the governments and dependencies of the Western Hemisphere, that the well-being of their peoples may be promoted.

The Pan-American Exposition received the cordial endorsement of the congress of the United States in July, 1898, when a resolution was adopted declaring that "a Pan-American Exposition will undoubtedly be of a vast benefit to the commercial interests of the countries of North, South and Central America," and that "it merits the approval of congress and of the people of the United States."

March 3, 1899, congress appropriated \$500,000 and declared that "it is desirable to encourage the holding of a Pan-American Exposition on the Niagara frontier, in the city of Buffalo, in the year 1901, fittingly to illustrate the marvelous development of the Western Hemisphere during the Nineteenth century, by a display of the arts, in-

the exposition. Official acceptances have been received from Canada, Mexico, Honduras, Nicaragua, Salvador, Guatemala, Guadalupe, Dutch Guiana, Bolivia, Argentine Republic, Chile, Costa Rica, Brazil, Peru, Venezuela and Haiti. Unofficial assurances have been received from nearly all other dependencies and governments of this hemisphere that suitable exhibits will be prepared by them, and in view of the many cordial expressions and manifestation of hearty interest in the enterprise, and the wonderful resources of the countries in question, an unparalleled display of American products is confidently expected.

The grounds chosen by the Board of



ELECTRICITY — PAN-AMERICAN EXPOSITION.

Directors for the exposition lie in the northern part of Buffalo, well within the city limits. The dimensions from north to south are about one mile, and from east to west about half a mile, the plot containing 350 acres. Delaware Avenue, one of the finest residence streets in the world, skirts the eastern side, and Elmwood Avenue, one of the main thoroughfares of the great residential section of the city, marks the western boundary. Within the park lands is an irregular and beautiful lake, half a mile in length, which will become one of the principal water features of the exposition. This lake is described by Daniel H. Burnham,

ing, standing amid the forest trees on the shores of the bay. Continuing north he will come presently to the approach and to the Fore Court, and crossing the Triumphal Bridge, which spans the canal between the east and west of the mirror lakes, he will be within the Esplanade. The buildings first seen upon the extreme right are the government group, consisting of three large buildings. On the far left is a similar group, consisting of the Horticulture, Graphic Arts, and Forestry and Mines buildings. Crossing the Esplanade he will approach the Ethnology building on the right and the Temple of Music on the left. These mark the junction of

the Court of Fountains with the Esplanade. On the right and left again are two subordinate courts, one known as the Court of Cypresses, and the other as the Court of Lilies.

The aquatic basin in the Court of Fountains is 225 feet wide by 565 feet long — considerably more than two acres. This will contain numerous fountains and will constitute one of



STADIUM — PAN-AMERICAN EXPOSITION.

the rich scenic features. On the east and west sides of the Court of Fountains are the Manufactures and Liberal Arts, and the Machinery and Transportation buildings, the two largest buildings of the exposition. The Electric Tower, 375 feet high, built of steel, covered with staff, stands in another broad basin which is enlivened with numerous fountains. This tower is between the Plaza and the Court of Fountains. East of the tower is the Agriculture building and west of it is the Electricity building. The Plaza, 350 by 500 feet, is another of the chief beauty spots of the exposition. Its surroundings are all rich and picturesque, and its central portions are embellished with elaborate floral features arranged in a sunken garden. A band stand in the center will be a place for concerts and the terrace surrounding the garden will afford abundant room for the listening throng. On the eastern side of the Plaza is the Stadium, where 10,000 people may find comfortable seats from which to enjoy the athletic and other events to take place in the arena. On the west side of the Plaza is the largest restaurant building on the grounds. This forms, also, the entrance to the "Midway," which covers an area of nearly 30 acres and contains about 3,000 lineal feet of streets. North of the Plaza are the great entrances, known as the Propylaea, admitting visitors to and from the railway station. The state and foreign buildings, to which about 15 acres are devoted, will be southeast of the main group and north of the park lake. Assurances received from many states and countries indicate the erection of a considerable number of fine special buildings. The music gardens lie directly west of the Fore Court and southwest of the main group of buildings.

The general style of architecture of the exposition is a free treatment of the Spanish Renaissance. This has been chosen by way of compliment to the many Latin-American countries whose interest was sought and received in the enterprise.

In planning the Exposition the management early decided upon giving to electricity special homage. The progress of the electrical science has been so marked in recent years as to excite the wonderment of the scientific world. Buffalo is, perhaps, more than any other city on the globe, interested in this science, owing to the nearness of

Niagara Falls, where the greatest electric power plants known to this class of engineering have been installed. In fact the electrical displays here contemplated would be impossible except where a large volume of power is available, such as Buffalo receives from the great Falls of Niagara. The famous cataracts, by the magic of electrical science, will turn night into day, and

give to every ripple of the decorative pools, and to every spurting fountain, a fantastic brilliance that will make the courts of the exposition a fairyland of unprecedented loveliness.

The Pan-American exposition will far surpass former enterprises of this kind in six important features: First, the electrical effects; second, the hydraulic and fountain effects; third, the horticultural, floral and garden effects; fourth, the original sculptural ornamentation; fifth, the color decorations; sixth, the court settings. Particular attention has been given by the designers in the arrangement of its court settings, to provide unusually large vis-



ELECTRIC TOWER — PAN-AMERICAN EXPOSITION.

tas, both for the purpose of providing a memorable picture and for the utility reason of accommodating large crowds of people. It should be borne in mind that, while there have been many expositions held in this country and elsewhere, only a few of them were arranged in the grouping of buildings so as to form what may be distinctively called court settings; that is, that while the treatment of the whole grounds was one of embellishment, an extra effort was made to arrange the buildings and architecture in a particular portion of the grounds so

as to delight the eye with an exceptional vista.

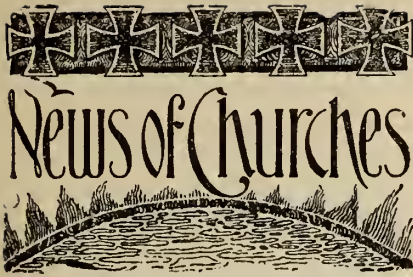
In this exposition the Court of Fountains will command attention, by having its setting climaxed by the lofty Electric Tower at one end. On each side of this court the light-outlined buildings in themselves will lead the sight directly to this towering gem of illumination, which will have at its base a solid panel of illuminated, varicolored spray 60 feet in height. The tower rises 375 feet from the basin in which it rests. In the foreground of the tower and adding to its splendor will be seen a water display, designed expressly for the location, with which will be blended an illumination only possible in a territory close to Niagara Falls.

Further down the court, as if to introduce so grand a sight in fountain displays, the Court of Fountains basin has been treated with a view to bringing out special designs in jets of water; not, however, thrown to such height as to curtain the vista from the main approach. The great expanse of water in the Court of Fountains basin will make it necessary to use a special design of floating lights to overcome the inky blackness so common to exposition lagoons, and there will be produced a luminous lake of golden fluid agitated by the many fountain jets.

The Electric Tower, 375 feet high, upon which are to be displayed electrical phenomena, stands between the Court of Fountains and the Plaza. The main body of the tower is 80 feet square and 200 feet high. The crown is in three parts, of diminishing proportions. The first of these is an arched loggia having wall surfaces brilliantly colored and richly ornamented in all details. Pavilionesettes adorn each of the four corners and terminate in light, fantastic cupolas. Above the loggia is a high circular colonnade, entirely open, so as to allow the effect of the sky to be seen between the columns. A spiral stairway in the center leads up to a domed cupola on which is poised a superb figure, the Goddess of Light, overlooking and dominating the entire exposition. At the base of the tower, on the east and west sides, two colonnades, 75 feet in height, sweep to the southward and form a large semi-circular space opening toward the Court of Fountains. The tower is entered by way of an ornamental bridge from the Plaza, on the north side. Elevators will carry the visitors to the many floors. At a height of 75 feet is a large restaurant, from which the visitors may stroll upon the roof-garden above the colonnades. Floors at other heights will be used for reception rooms and other purposes. From the various floors, loggias, pavilions and cupolas, the visitors may obtain interesting views of the exposition grounds, the city, Lake Erie, Niagara river and the Canadian shore to the west. The entire exterior of the tower is to be richly ornamented with plastic designs and sculpture. It is intended to be the centerpiece of the exposition. The great panels on the four sides will be of open work, so that the effect at night, when the interior is lighted, will be exceptionally brilliant and grand.

Christ realized the greatness of his message.

Second-rate gifts are an offense to love.



WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

Our church is struggling on without a pastor. Mr. Wright still preaches for us.

The mid-week prayer meeting is sustained with a very good attendance.

The Sunday school is looking forward to the Christmas festivities.

ASYLUM AVE. CONGREGATIONAL.

The Mission Circle is preparing a Xmas box for a minister in Connecticut, and would be glad of contributions of money to buy shoes and a few other necessities. Such contributions may be sent to the president, Mrs. Herbert Chapman, Columbia St., city. Books would also be very welcome.

The mission study class is to be resumed after Christmas, and India is the country chosen for study.

The "Daisy Chain" or little girls' mission circle is to be reorganized with the incoming year, and is to include the boys of the same age.

A pleasant children's party was given in the parlors the middle of last month. All the pupils of the Sunday school were invited to come and bring their parents to meet their teachers. Mrs. George Stone had charge of the entertainment.

GLENWOOD CONGREGATIONAL.

During the past month our C. E. society has been reorganized with about twenty members.

Last Tuesday evening the Social committee held a free social. In spite of the weather a goodly number were present and enjoyed an evening of games and music.

A few of the young people attended the wedding of Miss Maud Wells and Mr. George Wilder the last of October at her home on Russ street. Mr. and Mrs. Wilder went directly to Boston where they spent two weeks with Mr. Wilder's people. Mrs. Wilder has been church organist for a number of years and Mr. Wilder is president of our C. E.

A reception given by the ladies to our new pastor, Mr. MacGeehon, was largely attended and enjoyed the more because Mr. Williams, our previous pastor, and wife, were present.

The workers in the Sunday school are very much encouraged at the increase of interest and attendance in the school. The teachers are planning quite an extensive Christmas exercise.

Mr. MacGeehon has written a very interesting story from which he reads a chapter at each Sunday evening service.

The junior society has started this year with a membership of seventeen. Four of the older ones having graduated into the senior society.

At the Thursday evening meeting this coming week we commence the study of Mark. Beginning at the be-

ginning and taking up each week where we left off the previous week.

Our pastor has been spending the past week in Vermont.

Next Tuesday evening the ladies hold their annual supper and fair.

The children at Christmas time are requested to bring to the church clothing, toys and food for the poor children.

The Library committee have been overhauling the library and find we need many new books which they hope to get in a short time.

A home department has been organized in our Sunday school and placed under the care of the Bible class.

On Dec. 8 Miss Titcomb gave a report of the convention of Women's Board held in Boston, to the Mission Circle.

FIRST BAPTIST.

The first dinner of this season, of the Young Men's League, was held Wednesday evening December 12th at Merrill's, corner Prospect and Grove streets. Short talks by members on unique or specially notable vacations were the order of the evening.

The third quarterly business meeting of the Young People's Association, which was held Tuesday evening, Dec. 11th, was followed by a supper and other features of amusement. It was the most successful business meeting and social we have ever held.

The churches of the Hartford Baptist Union met with us Thursday, the 13th. Rev. Martzook of New Haven told of the interesting work he had done in Hartford among the Italians this fall.

Union Thanksgiving services were held this year at the Asylum Avenue Baptist church, they uniting with ourselves. Dr. Stone preached the sermon, other pastors taking part in the service.

ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL.

The parish room was filled with happy guests at the supper and musicale given by the united societies of the parish, last Thursday week.

The Girls' Friendly society expect to welcome Miss Fiske next week.

The storm prevented many from hearing the Rev. Edward Osborne on Tuesday evening, in the Seabury course. Next Tuesday the Rev. Arthur Ritchie of New York will lecture. Subject: "Where are the dead." Dec. 18th the Rev. John J. Huntington will preach on "Our relation to the dead."

WARBURTON CHAPEL.

The Sunday school, which is the center of the chapel work, is in a flourishing condition, with many new scholars added since Rally Sunday, and a full equipment of teachers.

Our rally day was observed Oct. 14.

The work of the sewing school and kindergarten has been unusually interesting and successful.

Mothers' meetings are held on alternate Thursdays.

The teachers' weekly meetings have been well supported and have proved of great service to the regular work of the Sunday school.

The following have addressed the teachers: Rev. H. H. Kelsey, subject, "Two Ways of Getting at the Social Problem." Rev. E. F. Talmage, "Adaptability and Flexibility of the Teachers." Rev. R. H. Potter, "Song of Sol-

omon." Mr. Edward Perkins, "McAll Missions."

On Hallowe'en the Girls' club gave an entertainment in the chapel. Thirty dollars was realized.

Mrs. H. D. Tracy and Miss Adeline Pye were the delegates from our school to the Bi-ennial State Convention in Bridgeport.

A parents' social was held on Friday evening, Nov. 23.

The sand yard and drinking fountain have been closed for the winter.

Several of our Sunday school boys have joined the Juniors at the Y. M. C. A.

The annual sale of cake and fancy articles was conducted by the choir on Saturday, Dec. 8. A substantial sum was netted which will be devoted to the Improvement Fund.

The teachers have decided to use Peloubet's quarterlies for 1901 in place of the Pilgrim's which we have used for the past four years.

Miss Eliza F. Mix has returned to our teaching force after a year's absence spent in California.

Miss Adeline Pye who has been acting as primary superintendent since June has been called to Canada by the illness of a relative.

Mrs. Margaret B. Lee has returned to her post as primary superintendent.

Mr. Edward Perkins is acting as assistant librarian during the absence of Newman Hungerford who is spending a few weeks with friends in Georgia.

A library catalogue has been issued and the weekly output of books is forty-five.

Our annual Christmas entertainment is planned for Friday evening, Dec. 28. A cantata, "Our Old Friend Santa Claus" is being prepared.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH.

Wednesday evening, Dec. 5th, the ladies of the Guild held their annual Christmas sale and supper. It was largely attended and a handsome sum was realized.

Thursday evening, the 6th, the Harmonic Quartet gave the opera "Pygmalion and Galatea" under the auspices of the Young People's club. The opera was preceded by a very pleasing concert program, the whole furnishing a very enjoyable entertainment which was fully appreciated by the large audience present. This entertainment was to have been given a week earlier but had to be postponed on account of the illness of one of the performers.

The Sunday school teachers and officers are now arranging for the Christmas festival to be given Holy Innocents' day, Dec. 28th, and the children are practicing the Christmas carols.

ASYLUM AVE. BAPTIST.

Mrs. D. G. Smyth, superintendent of the Primary Department of our Sunday school, attended the Sunday school convention recently held in Bridgeport, and upon her return gave a very interesting report of it, at one of our prayer meetings.

Owing to the generosity of friends, the King's Daughters Circle was able to gladden the hearts of several poor families by furnishing a Thanksgiving dinner.

Friday evening, Dec. 7, members of the Sunday school were given an opportunity to meet one another socially, and to rehearse the songs in the books recently purchased by the school.

The annual jug-breaking of the Primary class will be held Friday afternoon, December 14th. These gatherings are well attended by the little people, and a goodly sum is added to the treasures for Home and Foreign Missions.

WETHERSFIELD METHODIST.

The monthly business meeting of the Epworth League was held Wednesday evening, Dec. 5th. All the officers were re-elected.

The Sunday school is now preparing the program "The Messiah's Greeting" as a Christmas entertainment.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Tuesday, Dec. 4th, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew had a conference at the Memorial House. It was a very stormy evening which affected the attendance somewhat.

Mr. Huntsinger and Mr. Sharpe made addresses.

The confirmation class now being prepared by the rector is the largest for some years past.

Bishop Brewster will visit the church to confer the rite Sunday, Dec. 23d.

The December meeting of the Men's League will be held Thursday evening, the 20th.

Mr. Alfred Richards will read a paper on "An European Trip." Violin solos and singing will follow and the usual lunch and a social time will conclude the meeting.

Prof. A. J. Griffin of High Point, North Carolina, made an address before the congregation, Sunday afternoon, Dec. 9th. He spoke of his work among his own people, the blacks of High Point.

A large number of gifts are being made by the scholars in the Sunday school for St. Augustine's school at Raleigh, North Carolina, for Christmas tide.

The rector and family have the heartfelt sympathy of the parish in the serious illness of their youngest daughter, Elizabeth.

UNITY CHURCH.

Mr. Waite's class has taken up the study of Daniel Webster. On Dec. 2nd Mrs. Elizabeth Bacon read a very interesting paper on the subject.

The Charitable Society and the Woman's Alliance have held their regular meetings.

On Dec. 7th a social and sale was held for the benefit of the Sunday school. Useful and fancy articles, ice-cream, and home made candy were sold. A grab-bag afforded amusement and guesses were made on the weight of a loaf of cake. The attendance was small, but quite a sum was realized, which will go to defray the expenses of the Christmas tree.

WETHERSFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

A teachers' meeting was held at the parsonage on November 19. Another December 10th. These meetings are very interesting and instructive.

Dr. Hawes gave an earnest plea for the Ministerial Relief Fund on Nov. 18 and a collection of \$28 was taken.

Thanksgiving day a union service was held in the Congregational church and Rev. Mr. Coburn of the Methodist

church preached the sermon.

Mrs. Young, our soprano, has been having an attack of diphtheria and her place has been filled by Miss Laidlow of Hartford.

On December 2 Rev. J. H. James of Rockville gave an illustrated lecture on temperance to a large audience.

The Ladies' Aid Society held a fair in the chapel on December 4 and 5, with supper both evenings. Tuesday was a very stormy day and evening but altogether the fair was very successful.

NORTH METHODIST.

The socials of the different societies are very well attended and the interest taken by the members and others show a marked increase in attendance. The ladies of the church hold a social every month, to which all are invited.

The twentieth century movement was organized a few Sundays ago and was successful. About one thousand dollars was raised and more to hear from.

The rummage sale of the Ladies' society netted nearly \$400.

The preparations for Christmas are being made with great elaborateness, and promises to eclipse all previous efforts.

Mrs. Howell's Sunday school class for adults is growing, and now numbers about twenty. The sick of the church are doing well, and all show signs of ultimate recovery.

SOUTH PARK METHODIST.

Eighteen probationers were received into full membership the first Sunday in November.

The Boys' Brigade, organized by H. D. Hemenway, is progressing nicely. The pledge taken, with the sanction of parents, is to abstain from the use of alcoholic drinks, tobacco, profane, vulgar or indecent language. The aim is to inculcate obedience, respect and manliness.

Sunday, Nov. 11th, Miss Croncher, a missionary from China, spoke at the morning service. She was on the last train which left the interior and told of the terrible experiences through which she passed before reaching Japan.

Nov. 13th the Western Branch of Woman's Foreign Missions held a morning and afternoon session in our church. Miss Graee Stevens, a missionary in India, and a native Brahmin from Madras, India, addressed the meeting. Rev. J. H. Roberts, missionary of the Congregational church, recently in China, spoke of his experience there.

The ladies of the three Methodist churches served dinner in the chapel.

The Ladies' Aid Society held a social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Peckham in West Hartford, Nov. 14th.

The young ladies of the Woman's Home Missionary Society sold ice cream and home-made candy Dec. 3d in the chapel.

At the social given by the Christian Endeavor Society to the members of the church, Nov. 23d, all had a very enjoyable time.

At the regular monthly business meeting of the C. E. society, which was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Parkhurst, the following officers were elected for the ensuing six

months: President, R. E. McCausland; vice-president, Charles Lipp; recording secretary, Hattie Morris; corresponding secretary, H. E. Parkhurst; treasurer, Robert S. McGee.

NEW BRITAIN AVE. MISSION.

Since our last report we have had some very able men to fill our pulpit. Among them the Rev. Mr. Hunter. The Rev. Mr. Ballantine and others.

The Ladies' Aid Society have started a new order of work this winter. That of making to order garments and plain or fancy articles of any kind. We have found it so far practical and profitable.

The teachers and scholars are busy preparing for our New Year entertainment.

OLIVET BAPTIST.

We take great pleasure in mentioning the increase and growth of our Sunday school. We have about one hundred and fifteen present every Sunday. On Sunday, Dec. 9, we reached the mark of one hundred and seventeen.

Our assistant superintendent, Mr. Aubin and his wife have returned to us again from Canada, where they have been spending the summer.

We are very glad to have them with us once more.

On Friday evening, Dec. 7, about forty of our young people gave a "surprise party" to Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Newton of 14 Heath St., who have returned from their wedding trip to Virginia.

Our C. E. gave an "At Home Social" at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Guild. A pleasant time was enjoyed by all who came.

FOURTH CONGREGATIONAL.

The past few weeks have been very busy ones at the Fourth church and will easily keep up our reputation as a working church.

Mr. Archibald's visit here will be a red letter time in our history. Never before in Hartford have the members of any church had such talks on child life, how to study, train and teach. Considering the season and weather the meetings were very successful. Many churches and schools were represented besides our own.

Both endeavor societies are working hard. The Intermediate gave dinners for three families at Thanksgiving. They united to hold missionary meeting on Dec. 6, at which Mrs. Sibley, a returned missionary from China, spoke. The chapel was filled and a very attentive audience stayed for over two hours.

The two societies also held a "Poverty social." This, judged by the amount of poverty displayed was a great success.

Bible school work goes on apace. Mr. Tyler's adult Bible class is growing.

The primary department rejoices in growing numbers without and within. Increased efficiency is noticeable here. The intermediate department pursues the even tenor of its way, ministered to by a faithful body of workers. Auxiliary to this is the children's choir which is doing good work, and a junior boys' club, meeting once a week.

As a result of "Decision day" pastor's classes have been formed after-

noon and evening with a view to further instructive in the Christian life.

The Woman's Union has held a successful rummage sale. It also provided supper for Men's club.

The Daughters of the Covenant are studying missionary work.

At the mother's meeting once a month helpful talks are given.

A company of over 35 ministers were fed on Dec. 3d by a volunteer band of women.

SUFFIELD ST. BAPTIST CHAPEL.

The success of the physical culture class, under the leadership of Mr. Velte of Trinity, has been very gratifying. The class, besides the exercises with and without dumb-bells, are taking up the Indian club drills. Visitors are always welcome, about twenty being present at a recent meeting.

The attendance at the Junior meetings has been steadily growing. We have had much help from the Senior society, and believe it has increased the interest of the Juniors. The Juniors feel grateful to the Seniors for a set of new singing books.

We were glad to welcome home many friends for Thanksgiving, among whom were Miss Inez Smith, Erwin Smith, Dale Smith and Frank Marsh.

Miss Grace Knox has been appointed director of our society for the ensuing term. Miss Clara Twiss has very faithfully filled this office for the past two years.

During the month of November, we added five new members to our society.

The cob-web social given by the society Tuesday evening, November 13th, at the home of Mrs. R. M. Starbuck was a decided success. The hallway and rooms presented a lively scene as the company rapidly unwove the overhanging web. The evening was enjoyed by all, both old and young. A chair social was held Monday evening, Dec. 10th, at the home of Miss Margaret Allardyce of Pliny St.

SECOND ADVENT.

We enjoyed the presence of our pastor's father, Rev. G. L. Teeple, in our pulpit Dec. 9th; one who is always gladly welcomed among us, and whose sermons have many times instructed and benefited us.

Our Loyal Workers' Society will hold its semi-annual business meeting for the election of officers and committees and the consideration of other business Friday evening, Dec. 14th.

NEWINGTON CONGREGATIONAL.

At the teachers' meeting held on Thursday evening, Dec. 6, it was voted to continue using the Pilgrim Quarterlies and also voted to use the December collections in the Sunday school for our own expenses.

Miss Gertrude Stoddard, Miss Effie Pimer and Charles Osborn are drilling the children upon a Christmas cantata.

Mrs. Joshua Belden, Mrs. Francis and Miss Bertha Robbins were appointed to see to the decorating of the church and chapel for Christmas.

The choir have recently purchased new anthem books.

Rev. Mr. Hunter preached on Dec. 2, Rev. Mr. Macy being absent upon a visit to his mother in Worcester, Mass.

Our superintendent is using the sup-

plemental Bible questions, prepared by John B. Smith of Berlin.

The ladies' prayer meeting will be held with Mrs. Roger Welles on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 p. m.

The C. E. will hold a business meeting and social on Friday evening, Dec. 14th.

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL.

The Sunday school has packed a Christmas box of books for the church of which the Rev. E. B. TreFethren is pastor, at Ipswich, S. D. Mr. TreFethren was formerly president of our Young People's Society and is very pleasantly remembered among us.

The young people's meeting Nov. 18 was a temperance one and was addressed by Mr. N. P. Work of the Memorial Baptist church, who gave us a great deal to think about. Subsequent leaders have been Mr. Howard C. Hayden, General Henry C. Dwight and Dr. A. W. Cowee.

WINDSOR CONGREGATIONAL.

Rev. Mr. Sanders, missionary in Turkey, is the guest of Prof. C. S. Beardslee and gave an interesting address after the Endeavor meeting Sunday evening, Dec. 9th.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST.

On Friday, Nov. 16, a rally of the Young People's societies of all the Baptist churches in the city, was held at our church. The roll was called, to which each society responded with a verse of scripture. Papers were given by Mr. Beardslee of the First church, Mr. Gile of the Olivet church and Miss Work of the Memorial church.

On Sunday, Nov. 18, Mr. Day of the First Baptist gave a most interesting talk at the young people's meeting on the subject, "What intemperance costs our nation."

A meeting of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary society was held with us on Wednesday, Dec. 5.

Mrs. J. W. Carlin from China gave a very entertaining talk on her experiences as a missionary in that country.

TRINITY CHURCH.

The principal of the High Point Normal and Industrial school of North Carolina, recently addressed the congregation in behalf of the work being done for the colored people in the country regions of that state.

The Rev. D. T. Huntington, who went out from this church as a missionary to China, gave a most interesting account, last Sunday, of the work being done in his district around Hankow.

The ladies of the parish are making up a box of clothing for a clergyman of this diocese, and are packing a barrel of second-hand clothing to be sent south where they are sold for a nominal sum, thus removing the idea of pauperism from those benefited.

The Sunday school offerings during Advent go for the chapel being built at Noank, Conn.

Another entertainment with the stereopticon, given Dec. 5, proved very interesting to those in attendance.

The class for the study of early Christian art, is being held Tuesday evenings.

The Christmas entertainment will be given Dec. 28, and the committee in

charge have a very interesting program arranged.

The Sunday school festival service will take place Sunday evening, Dec. 30th at 7:30 p. m. The Sunday school will march into the church, the classes having the record for the best average attendance and carrying the banners and the entire school lead by the choir will sing the processional "Come hither ye faithful." The Sunday school will make its advent offering for the chapel at Noank. At this service, there will be room and a hearty welcome for all.

ST. PAUL'S METHODIST.

On Sunday, Dec. 2nd, this beautiful new church was dedicated. The program as printed in the last Review was carried out in full. The Rev. Dr. Geo. P. Mains of New York preached in the morning from the text: "The fool hath said in his heart there is no God." The sermon was a masterly argument against agnosticism.

Bishop Mallalieu's text was I Cor. 1-9: "God is faithful."

The audience comfortably filled the whole building, all the rooms being thrown into one. After the sermon the Rev. Dr. Mains stated that the entire cost of the building was about \$20,000, of this \$9,000 had been secured in cash and pledges, there remained \$11,000 unprovided for. The Church Extension Society at Philadelphia had agreed to donate \$1,000 providing the remaining \$10,000 was secured in pledges, about half of the amount necessary was secured in the afternoon. In the evening the Rev. J. E. Adams, presiding elder of the New Haven district, was the preacher.

Dr. Adams was present but first the Rev. Dr. Mains made an appeal for the balance of the indebtedness, which appeal consumed the remainder of the evening. About 9:30 the bishop suggested to the pastor, the Rev. Wm. M. Carr, that he undertake to raise \$400, which he agreed to do. This reduced the amount required to such a figure that a little before 10 p. m. every dollar required was pledged. This makes a grand total of \$19,000.00 secured in eleven months, and leaves the society out of debt, with the exception of about \$3,000.00 on the parsonage on Sisson avenue which the society is carrying on easy terms in a building and loan association in this city.

The president of the board of trustees, Mr. F. H. Turner, presented the bishop, who dedicated the church according to the ritual, the prayer of dedication being offered by the Rev. Dr. Adams. The audience sang, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," and benediction was pronounced upon the most grateful and happy congregation in Hartford. Special evangelistic services are being held in the new church from Dec. 3d to 16th. Former Pastors Wm. A. Sage of this city and Wm. H. Burgwin of New Haven preached excellent sermons, and the pastor and people will conduct the remaining services. On Sunday, Dec. 9th, seventeen boys and girls in the Sunday school and Junior League decided for Christ, several adults have also professed conversion, many more are hoped for.

The Sunday school Christmas exercises are to be held in the Church on Friday, Evening, Dec. 28th.

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* Editorial. *

THE PRINCE OF PEACE.

"But peaceful was the night
Wherein the Prince of Light
His reign of peace upon the earth
began."

Over against these words by Milton we often hear quoted those words of our Lord, "I come not to bring peace but a sword." And in these words many honest Christians find justification in the spread of the gospel by the sword. Yet was that the meaning of our Lord? He surely makes the wrath of man to praise him, and the reign of peace and Christianity often follows the reign of the sword, yet, after all, was our Lord not a peace loving man, and was not His nature essentially non-resistant even in the midst of His greatest persecutions.

We love to think of our Lord as the Prince of Peace, and who can doubt that He looks down upon the world He loves in pain and sorrow as He witnesses the strivings and bloodshed which leave their awful mark upon this closing nineteenth century.

The festival of Christmas is essen-

tially a season of good will—at least among individuals. Among nations, if the sword is sheathed for the day, it will soon be wielded again. And unfortunately our own country will do its full share, probably for some time to come.

Let us pray that in the twentieth century the reign of peace and good will may be as firmly established between nations, as it is among individuals during the Christmas festival. May the swords of the nations speedily be beaten into plowshares, and the kingdom of the Prince of Peace be firmly established "on earth as it is in heaven."

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And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshiped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts: gold and frankincense, and myrrh.

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OUR GIFTS.

Scarcely had our Lord appeared in Bethlehem, when the wise men from the East appeared bearing gifts. The scriptures do not reveal what use was made of those gifts and it is not essential to know, but it is very safe to assume that they were most acceptable to the little homeless family. Our Lord does not look so closely at the gift, as at the giver. If the tributes we bring are accompanied by love and good will, they are acceptable. If we offer the best we have, no more is asked. The poorest gift, if offered in love, and involving sacrifice on our part, is graciously accepted, while the richest gift may prove unacceptable because we withhold the love, and refuse to sacrifice ourselves.

The gifts which we offer our friends this Christmas, should be measured not by the length of our purses, but by the measure of our love. Let the loving greeting and the word of cheer go with the gift. It is that which makes the Christmas merry and the New Year happy. When the mercantile spirit prevails, when we look upon the occasion as a lottery in which we hope to come out ahead, it is time to abolish the custom of giving altogether. Let us this Christmas, instead of indulging in a perfunctory exchange of embroidered slippers, dressing gowns, etc., regardless of the real needs or wants of the recipients, select our gifts thoughtfully, and above all give largely of ourselves.

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What we need is not a new compass every year, but a new determination to steer straight by the old compass, which is the word of God in Christ.—Henry Van Dyke, D. D.

RETROSPECTION.

Let us lay aside every weight at Christmas, but in the week which follows it will be well to devote some time to a retrospective view of the past year or years. It will prove a profitable preparation for the year ahead. Not to grieve unnecessarily over the sins and sorrows of the past which cannot be recalled, but to study our errors and how we came to make them, and to seek how they can be avoided in the future.

It is not new temptations, as a rule, which make right living so difficult, but a recurrence of old besetting sins over and over again. These weak points in our character should first be thoroughly realized, and instead of making excuses for them, we should set about strengthening those weak places. If we can avoid committing the old errors over and over again, our future safety is not altogether assured, but we have, nevertheless, made some great gains in right living. If we can avoid the mistakes of the past we have made some progress, at least.

Retrospection is a good thing at any time, but if we are about to make good resolutions for the future, our best preparation is to study the mistakes of the past.

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Daniel purposed in his "heart." That is the trouble with a great many people; they purpose to do right, but only purpose in their heads, and, that doesn't amount to much. "With the 'heart' man believeth unto righteousness."—D. L. Moody.

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The Baptist young people of Hartford held a most enjoyable union meeting at the Memorial Baptist church Friday evening, Nov. 16th. It was the first gathering of its kind, but probably will not be the last, as it was largely attended and thoroughly enjoyed. A splendid paper on "Personal work" was read by Miss Minnie Work, and addresses were made by the representatives of visiting societies.

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WATCH NIGHT SERVICES.

The end of the century will be marked by a watch night service in a great many churches all over the world. The occasion will be a memorable one for all who participate. All over the world men are praying that the twentieth century may be ushered in by a great religious awakening, and the world surely has need of that. None of us can hope to again participate in such an occasion, and it is hoped that all who can will participate at this time. Those who cannot participate by actual attendance at these meetings

can join with their prayers, and surely the united prayers of all Christendom must avail toward making the coming century a better and more holy one than any of its predecessors.

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A life without a purpose is a languid, drifting thing; every day we ought to renew our purpose, saying to ourselves. This day let us make a sound beginning, for what we have hitherto done is naught.—Thomas a Kempis.

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Minister Wu read a memorable paper before the Society for Ethical Culture in New York recently in which he made many comparisons between the teachings of Christ and Confucius. Among other things he said: "I am free to confess that Confucianism is not so catchy and fascinating a religion as some others, with an elaborate scheme of glorious rewards, but I tell you that it is the highest form of civilization and humanity."

True it is in part, but if the civilization of the Chinese is the best product of Confucianism, we prefer the civilization which is the product of Christianity. And as for "the scheme of glorious rewards" we find none of it in Confucianism and as we hold it to be a very vital part of Christianity, we will hold to the latter.

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Only a new purpose can make a new year.—Anon.

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Shall the army canteen go? Officers in the service believe it to be the best scheme yet devised to promote temperance among the rank and file, but those outside believe that it is temporizing with a gigantic evil and that the government should have no part in such an unholy traffic.

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The matter of postal extension is opposed at Washington by the post office department on the ground that the service is already overloaded. By most people this idea will seem to be inspired by private interests such as the express corporations. Is the United States government such a weakling that it cannot carry our parcels as well as our letters?

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BUSINESS AND PLEASURE.

Judge: "You hit the plaintiff with a chunk of coal, and your conduct presents not one extenuating circumstance."

Defendant: "Beg pardon, sah, jes' one, sah. It was soft coal, sah."—Chicago News.

Among beautiful and useful holiday presents must be included furs. Fur cloaks, capes, collarettes, muffs, etc., are always appreciated and have a more permanent value than most gifts. At the store of Ellhu S. Cook, 77 Pratt St., can be seen a fine assortment of furs, and Mr. Cook's wide experience is worth a great deal in making a selection.

Hibernian in front of unfinished building to fellow workman at fifth-story window: "Mulcahy, go to the spaking-tube. I want to tell yez to come down."—Boston Commercial Bulletin.

DR. HUMPHREY'S MANUAL.

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Mr. A. H. Pomeroy, 98 Asylum St., as usual has a fine and large assortment of toys, games, skates, sleds, sporting goods, etc., for the holiday trade. It is not a cheap stock hastily gathered together for the holidays but a line of well-made and serviceable articles.

Get your Christmas tree and holiday greens from W. W. Hunt & Co., 24 State St. A fine selection of trees has been made, and they can be ordered at any time for delivery for Christmas. Mr. Hunt is a nurseryman and is therefore well qualified to select anything in this line to far better advantage than the itinerant street corner vendor of trees.

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ADDITIONAL BOOK NOTICES.

Nature's Miracles. Vols. II and III. By Elisha Gray, Ph.D., L.L.D. 243 and 248 pages. New York: Fords, Howard & Hulbert. Price 60 cents per vol.

Some time since we noticed Vol. I of this series which is a decidedly interesting and valuable one. Professor Gray is a well known scientist and a bright and vivacious writer as well. The lack of technical expressions make these books appeal to the most uni-

formed reader, thereby insuring their greater general popularity.

The two volumes just issued deal respectively with Electricity and Magnetism, and Force, Sound, Heat, Light and Explosives. Volume III completes the set.

Faiths of Famous Men. By John Kenyon Kilbourn. D.D. 379 pages, 8 vo. Philadelphia: Henry T. Coates & Co. Price \$2.00.

This book contains the religious views of the most distinguished scientists, statesmen, rulers, philosophers, authors, generals, business-men, liberal thinkers, etc. These have been taken, in the form of short paragraphs, phrases and verse from published works and letters, and in some instances have been selected by the authors themselves. The work should be of great value to ministers especially. It is well worth reading, and worthy a place in every library for its reference value alone.

Quicksand. By Hervey White. 305 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Small, Maynard & Co. Price \$1.50.

A book whose chief characteristics are intensity and a most vivid realism. It is gloomy almost to morbidity, but interests one, nevertheless, from beginning to end. Its plot is the record of a series of misunderstandings of a character which will give much food for thought. The book is an important one, but it seems as though it might have conveyed its lessons less harshly.

Stringtown on the Pike. By John Uri Lloyd. 414 pages, 12 mo. New York: Dodd, Mead & Co. Price \$1.50.

This story has been running serially in "The Bookman." The scene is laid in a quaint Kentucky village at the time of the War of Secession. The hero is a ragged little urchin of that period, and the story takes him well into manhood. His adventures are recorded swiftly and with thrilling power. The various characters introduced, including the negro slave, the Kentucky colonel and the minister, are pictured in a life-like way. The story is strong and exceedingly dramatic and notably distinctive amidst the mass of contemporary fiction.

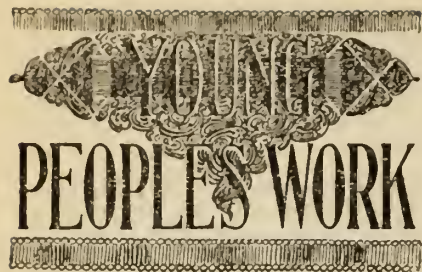
Christian Marriage. By Rev. J. Foote Bingham. 343 pages, 8 vo. New York: E. P. Dutton & Co. Price \$2.00.

This book, by a resident of Hartford, is a study of the ceremony, history and significance of Christian marriage. The text of the English, Roman, Greek and Jewish ceremonies is given, and the book is, in fact, a complete monograph and an almost indispensable reference volume, especially for clergymen. The book is well bound and printed and has a very good index.

Yawps, and Other Things. By Wm. J. Lampton. 192 pages, 12 mo. Philadelphia: Henry Altamus Co. Price \$1.00.

"Yawps" sounds very expressive. So-called poems might often be called "Yawps" without detriment. But in this volume are several "Yawps" which might almost be called poems.

Most of these combination yawp-verse-rhymes are queer and freakish, but filled, nevertheless, with common sense in large quantities. They appeared originally in the New York Sun, and are famed and quoted the country over.



CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR PRAYER MEETING TOPICS.

(From the Presbyterian C. E. Manual.)

December 16.—Confessing Christ.
Matt. 10:32-39.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

Confession should follow conviction. Christ confessed, the Spirit possessed. Confession helps to conquest. Holy lives are a constant confession. Christ wishes us to confess him through his church.

When saints stand up for Christ sinners will fall down before him.

Communion compels confession.

Confession is an aid to constancy.

We do not possess Christ unless we confess him.

The world must read the gospel in living epistles.

Sometimes silence is treason.

Confession is commanded; that should be treason enough for it.

December 23.—The Glory of Christ.
John 1:1-14.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

We behold Christ's glory in the faces of his saints.

The voiceful night and the radiant day alike proclaim the glory of Christ.

The goal of life is the glory of the Lord.

Christ glorified the manger and the manger glorified Christ.

The glory of Christ is the theme of the Angels' song.

The humblest disciple may draw aside the veil and show the glory of Christ.

Heaven is alight with the glory of Jesus.

December 30.—The Old and the New;
Your Purposes.—Matt. 13:51, 52.
Luke 5:36-39.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

The present business of the old is to speak to the new.

Experience is always a good teacher, but she often has dull pupils.

These greater times call for greater saintliness.

It always pays to store up gentleness in the passing days.

More sincerity and simplicity will insure more peace.

More prayer in private will give more power in public.

More defence to God's will gives more indifference to men's words.

Even the spoiled blocks of our past building can be used as stepping stones.

Because Christ never lost patience he won converts.

Christ saw no difference between sinners.

January 6.—A Forward Look.
Phil. 3:12-24.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

The best of days is tomorrow.

The past is of use chiefly to help the present and the future.

It is better to live in our hopes than in our memories.

Christ's school has no graduation day.

Self-satisfaction is sinful.

Paul's "one thing" referred to a purpose, not an action.

The nearer we get to holiness the farther away from it we feel.

There is nothing in the past worth remembering, except God's mercy.

Paul here first portrayed the true "strenuous life."

The eager for perfection are meager in pride.

MISSIONARY NOTES.

The Telugus in India believe that, after a child is born, it must be watched with care for a certain number of days and nights lest a demon come and bore a hole through the soft spot in the child's skull.

The Chinese massacres have extinguished the Shan-si Mission of the American Board,—five men, five women, and three children having been murdered. This event is unparalleled in the history of the board.

Rev. J. Hudson Taylor, founder of the China Inland Mission, makes the positive statement that "the life of the average Chinese convert is above the life of the average church-member in Christian countries."

Dr. John G. Paton gets results in the New Hebrides. The past year has seen 1,102 islanders won from cannibalism to Christianity. A single missionary of his force received two hundred adults into church-membership.

A Southern Methodist missionary in China, while the trouble was at its height, invited six prominent Chinese officials to dine with him. They came with the greatest cordiality, and afterwards gave him \$140 to help found an opium refuge; and all the time they were under orders to cut off his head.

I would rather face heathenism in any other form than the liquor traffic in Africa. I have gone many times into the native heathen towns to preach the gospel, and found the whole town, men, women and children, in excitement over a barrel of rum that had been opened to be drank by the town people. I have seen them drinking it out of buckets, brass kettles, iron pots, earthen pots, tins, gourds, cocoanut shells; and a mother who could not get anything in which to put it would fill her own mouth with rum and then feed it to her babe from her own lips. And when I have reproved them they have replied: "What do you white people make rum and bring it to us for if you don't want us to drink it?" Rum has a most degrading influence on the African. It is the cause of more fighting, quarreling and indolence than any other one thing.—Miss Agnes McAllister, Cape Palmas, Liberia.

ADDITIONAL CHURCHES.

WINDSOR AVE. CONGREGATIONAL.

We are receiving the benefit of a new heating apparatus which has recently been put in the church.

The Ladies' Aid Society held a "Bazaar" and concert Friday afternoon and evening, Dec. 7th. A large number attended and it was a social and financial success.

The Christian Endeavor Society had charge of the church prayer meeting Thanksgiving week.

The Christian Endeavor Bible class is in full progress once more and all young people are gladly welcomed.

The Children's Mission Band are studying Japan this winter. At the last meeting a box of Christmas toys was packed and sent to a children's school in New Mexico.

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL, HOCKANUM.

The Y. P. S. C. E. of our church is planning an entertainment for Dec. 19th, to be given by the Hickman quartet of Hartford. We feel that this program should draw a full house, as the Hickman quartet has the reputation of furnishing an excellent entertainment.

The pulpit next Sunday is to be occupied by the Rev. Mr. Ives, missionary for Connecticut. Our pastor requests a large attendance.

The Ladies' Aid Society will have a supper and sale of fancy articles Wednesday, Dec. 12th. Every one is invited to come and have a good time.

The annual church meeting for the election of officers and for the transaction of other business, was held in the Sunday school room Monday evening.

The children of the Sunday school are to meet Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock to rehearse the music for the Christmas exercises. They are under the training of Mrs. Alfred J. Ensign.

OPEN HEARTH.

The winter work at the Open Hearth has fully commenced and the colder weather brings a large accession to the numbers seeking refuge in the reading room with its cheerful fire and cherry welcome to all. The services held through the fall have been increased by the addition of a Sunday afternoon service, which as well as the Sunday evening service, attracts large numbers. Superintendent Miller leads and delivers addresses at each of these meetings and also talks separately with those who desire assistance. Mr. Northrop gives valuable assistance by accompanying the singing and piano on the cornet and also renders some magnificent solo pieces to the delight of all.

After the happy time had on Thanksgiving all are now looking to Christmas for another happy, thankful day. The Christmas tree for children with presents, will be as usual a great attraction, Christmas carols will be sung and the delights which that day always bring even to the most destitute and unhappy will be the means of making it a happy if not a merry Christmas.

The work of the Open Hearth is constantly increasing and all our citizens

should take an interest in this institution and give to Superintendent Miller gladly and heartily their sympathy and assistance.

CITY MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Sunday school at Morgan street mission spent a very pleasant evening Nov. 23d. They were entertained early in the evening by Mr. Muldoon with songs and music, all highly appreciated and loudly applauded by the boys and girls. Ice cream was served afterwards.

The numbers in the Sunday school continue to increase as Christmas draws near.

The "Christmas dinner" will be given to the Sunday school scholars on Christmas day at 12 m.

The sewing school and clubs are well attended.

A young men's debating club is a new feature of our work and we hope it will become a great help in many ways to the young Jewish men.



Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The opera house meetings for men are a success and have been from the very start.

The smallest attendance thus far has been 800, and the largest 1,000. The addresses are of an exceptionally high order.

The male chorus, under the direction of Prof. Benedict, has and is rendering valuable service in the "ministry of holy song."

A feature which is becoming increasingly helpful is the "fellowship tea" immediately following the afternoon service. This meeting is held for the purpose of mutual acquaintance and development of Christian fellowship amongst the workers and also to give an opportunity for personal conversation with any who desire help in becoming Christians.

The association is planning the organization of an association orchestra. Already a goodly number have signified their intention of joining.

A banjo and mandolin club is on the tapis; also a young men's congress. Details will appear later.

Dr. Ballantine is as popular as ever with the "boys" and the results of his Friday night Bible classes are very far-reaching.

To come in touch with such personalities as that of Dr. Ballantine is an opportunity in itself of great value.

The class is open to all men whether members of the association or not.

A Japanese convert put on his door every morning when he went out the following notice: "I am a Christian, and if any one likes to go in and read

my Good Book while I am out, he may."

The table of United States exports to the Philippine islands is not without its significance, the exports in the aggregate amount to something over two million dollars worth of goods annually; but the list shows a disparity of staple articles, outside of a certain amount of "trust" machinery and war implements. For example, we ship no cattle, nor fresh beef of any kind, no eggs, no corn, no hogs, no sugar, no poultry, and but very little bread stuffs; but we do furnish the Filipinos with \$369,974 worth of malt liquors and \$97,224 worth of distilled spirits annually. It appears from this list that outside of certain machinery furnished by the trusts we have but one other commodity for the Filipino, and that is the Indian's fire water. — Pacific Templar.

NO USE.

At one of the patriotic bazaars held recently in London, a very popular society beauty had an amusing experience with an English nobleman well known for his wealth and for his disinclination to part with it.

She had made up her mind that, somehow or other, she would get a donation from him, and to that end she plied him with different articles likely to appeal to masculine tastes.

"Here is a pretty cigarette-case," she said. "Won't you buy it?"

"I don't smoke," was the reply.

"This penholder, then?"

"I never write," was the laconic answer.

"You must take this bonbonniere. Even if you don't like sweets, you must have some one to whom you can give them."

"I hate sweets," was the answer; "and I don't feel any necessity to bestow a gift on any one."

Now the beauty determined to score. Holding up a cake of soap, she said very sweetly: "I need not ask you to buy this soap, I imagine, for I suppose you never wash!" — The C. E. World.

HE IS NOT AT ALL BASHFUL.

Mayor Champlin, of Cambridge, has received a letter from a produce man in North Carolina, which he thinks excels anything in the line of "nervy" requests which have come to him. It is as follows:—

My Dear Sir:—We have a large crop of new potatoes, and we're at a loss to know what to do with the crop, and you will greatly oblige me by giving me the name of a good fruit and produce and commission merchant in your city, one that is all right, honest, and reliable in every respect; and kindly get me one that wants business, such as berries, potatoes, etc.

If you will get me a good house, and have them send me shipping stencil, and write me at once, I will pay you for your trouble, and besides make you a present of a nice barrel of white potatoes for your own use. Kindly go around and get me a good firm and let me hear from you and them at once. Hope you will favor me in this, and thanking you in advance, I am, Very truly yours, etc.—The C. E. World.

The Prohibition Union of Christian

Men is making itself felt, not only in this city (Rochester, N. Y.), but more and more throughout the country. The heroic, self-sacrificing work of President C. N. Howard is above praise. At a large mass-meeting held here April 1, Mr. Howard in a great speech told the following incidents, which led to the inauguration of the movement:

"When I came home, one day about three years ago, I found a poorly-clad urchin in the parlor awaiting my return. He had come to deliver a package.

"Well, my little man, why did you not wear your best shoes?" (for his toes could be tracked in the snow on the walk).

"Oh, mister, them is my best shoes."

"Don't your feet get cold?"

"Oh, yes; but I don't mind that much, if only mamma would not have to work so hard."

"Does your mamma have to work hard?" I asked.

"Yes, sir; she has such a hard life of it, because papa has been drinking so hard, and she has to support the family, and I can't earn much. But I think we will get along better now, and it won't be so hard for mamma."

"Why, my boy, do you think it won't be so hard now?"

"Because papa died last week."

"This remark cut me to the heart," said Mr. Howard, "and I said to my wife: 'Jesus Christ was about thirty years old when he began his ministry; I am now thirty years old; and if I ever accomplish anything, it is time I was at it,' and I went into the library and wrote these words, which have gone around the world: 'In the name of Jesus Christ as King, the liquor traffic must die.'"

Though a layman, and a traveling salesman, he has great power as a public speaker, and has proven himself a great organizer.—P. C. Nelson, in Journal and Messenger.

Somebody has been trying his hand on the word "habit," and he has worked it out thus: "Habit" is hard to overcome. If you take off the first letter it does not change "a bit." If you take off another, you still have a "bit" left. If you take off still another the whole of "it" remains. You take off still another and "it" is used up. All of which goes to show that if you wish to get rid of habit, you must throw it off altogether and at once; it cannot be done a part at a time.

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THE INVALID'S ROOM.

As the four walls constitute the invalid's world, the room should have many suggestions of outdoor life. If the physician should forbid growing plants, plan to have a few flowers to rest the eyes of the patient. This is easy to accomplish in summer, but not so in mid-winter. A pleasing substitute is a glass dish of moss and partridge berries, easily obtained from the nearest woods. These will look fresh for months if the roots are kept upon stones and earth. The whole should be kept damp by means of light sprinkling every day. A small fern or a dwarf blackberry vine, dug after it takes its autumnal coloring, would add greatly to the effect of this "green dish."

A vase of common inch-plant will keep nicely all winter. This pretty vine grows in water. The roots and old leaves should be pinched off once in two or three weeks. Pressed ferns, autumn leaves, and sea-mosses may be converted into various pretty decorations by one of artistic tendencies. Shells and corals appeal to the hearts of the average shut in.

Pictures should be soft-toned, and as far as possible of pastoral subjects,—water-colors, etchings, and engravings being best adapted for the sick room. Formerly, before wall-paper received so much attention, the invalid suffered much from the striking figures and blazing colors; but the artistic designs of subdued tints, that are now manufactured, seem perfectly adapted for use in the sick-room. The fancy articles of embroidery should suggest wild flowers rather than hot-house favorites, as the latter are sure to find their way to the invalid's room.

Let me suggest a few articles that would be suitable as birthday gifts for the shut-in. A hop pillow is very acceptable to those troubled with insomnia. The dry hops are first enclosed in a bag of sheer white cloth, the pillow-case is made of fine white linen, and has a ruffle around it upon which is embroidered, in Asiatic filo, a running design of hops and their leaves. One end should be supplied with buttons and buttonholes, that it may easily be slipped off for laundering. A set of seven linen traycloths, of different floral designs, one for each day in the week, is a dainty gift for an invalid. Wild flowers, ferns, and grasses are appropriate decorations. They can either be wrought with filo, or more quickly outlined with Asiatic etching silk.—J. W. Wheeler in *The Household*.

CORPULENCE.

Some Suggestions on Obesity.

Corpulence is due to an excess of hydro-carbon in the system. All oleaginous food, as fat meat, butter, gravies, milk, nuts, and Indian corn, is a direct contribution to obesity. In addition to these the hydro-carbons are elaborated in the system by the starch

and sugar of bread, potatoes, rice, tapioca, arrow-root, and various other vegetables, fruits, and roots. Alcoholic stimulants are favorable to the deposit of fat, and the exact opposite—to wit, the free use of drink—is still more conducive to corpulence. If a man could live wholly on a nitrogenous diet, confining himself to those azotized principles, fibrine, albumen, and caseine, which go to renew the waste of the tissue, and are not convertible into fat, he would soon become as lean as he could desire. But these principles cannot be obtained in their purity in ordinary food, and, if they could be, the diet closely maintained would, after a while, be fatal to the system. Some approach to it, however, may be made, and this is recommended to all who suffer from excessive corpulence.

The normal diet of one in perfect health would be one of the nitrogenous principles to five or six of the others. A reduction of the latter, so that the proportion shall be one to three, will make a very perceptible change in the physical condition. To effect this, let the diet be lean meat (no pork), lean fish (no salmon), cheese, peas, beans, cabbage, turnips, and acidulous fruit. Avoid farinaceous food, including bread, pastry, and potatoes, and all fats (butter especially), and sweets, saccharines of all kinds being especially fattening. Drink claret (with little or no water), and other sour or light wines, and if flour is used at all let it be in bread toasted very dry. A perseverance in this diet will inevitably reduce the avoidupois of any human body.



WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union recently held its reception to new members. Our president, Mrs. Forbes, gave us an inspiring talk. We were also addressed by two pastors, the Rev. Mr. Forbes and the Rev. Mr. Howell.

Tea was served by the committee, and a social hour enjoyed by all present.

Our president and one other member were in attendance at the national convention at Washington. They will no doubt have an interesting report to give us at our next meeting.

Our next meeting will be held Dec. 18. Let all "White Ribboners" attend the meetings this winter and make them successful and profitable.

WOMAN'S WORK NOTES.

Will Bradley has accepted a commission from *The Ladies' Home Journal* for a series of illustrations that will attract the greatest attention. There are to be eight of the pictures, showing a woman's day in her home—at breakfast, in her boudoir, on the lawn, etc. Mr. Bradley will gown the woman

in costumes (appropriate to the different periods of the day and to the occasions) of his own creation, and decorate and furnish the house with draperies, wall papers and furniture of his own designs. The drawings, while having a strong pictorial interest, will have greater value in showing women how to dress with artistic effect irrespective of the decrees of fashion, and the methods by which the most artistic effects in home fitting and furnishing can be secured.

"More simplicity in our homes would make our lives simpler," writes Edward Bok in a plea for the exercise of better taste in furnishing our homes, in the November Ladies' Home Journal. "Many women would live tinner lives because they would have more time. As it is, hundreds of women of all positions in life are today the slaves of their homes and what they have crowded into them. Comfort is essential to our happiness. But with comfort we should stop. Then we are on the safe side. But we get on and over the danger line when we go beyond. Not one-tenth of the things that we think are essential to our happiest living are really so. In fact we should be an infinitely happier and healthier people if the nine-tenths were taken out of our lives. It is astonishing how much we can do without, and be a thousand times the better for it."

The world loves a true and noble woman more than the greatest beauty that ever lived or the most brilliant intellect. Within the memory of every one there are noble, womanly lives, which have been dearer and better to us than the most brilliant women of history. Not for the beauty of a Helen of Troy or a Cleopatra, nor for the brilliancy of a George Sand or a Joan of Arc would we sacrifice these lives. Indeed, if we had to choose between one or the other, we would wipe from the slate of history those historic characters rather than destroy the sacred influences of a nobler mother, sister or wife which have shaped and formed our careers.—A. S. Atkinson, M.D., in the November *Woman's Home Companion*.

"The future wage-earning girl should have in her mind during the latter part of her school life the selection of her profession," writes Margaret E. Sangster in the November Ladies' Home Journal. "I think it well for her, too, very quietly, but with intention, to cast about among her friends for suggestions, to ask the kind offices of one and another and to make known her need of immediate employment so soon as she leaves school. Many good positions are lost because of indecision, or false pride, or unwise reticence on the part of those who seek them. The mental attitude of the girl in search of employment should be neither indifferent nor patronizing; she should set in motion every legitimate means, and let those who may be able to assist her know something of her situation. They can help, and she can seek with much greater hope of success if the goal in view be something definite."

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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The order of development is probably as given above, but on this point we have no positive knowledge.

Master R.—Hartford:

You will find it a very good exercise to modulate from any key to its related keys melodically, and also using harmonic combinations.

Taking C major, modulate to the major keys on the fourth and fifth degrees, and to the minor keys on the second, third and sixth degrees. Repeat this exercise on the piano, also write the exercises and you will find the keys will have no terrors for you. The exercise should be transposed to all keys, sharps and flats.

Mrs. G.—Hartford:

Sir Arthur Sullivan, the son of an Irish bandmaster, was born in May, 1842, died Nov., 1900. His first publication appeared when he was 13 years old. Before he studied under Bennett and Goss, he had learned to play every wind instrument in his father's band fairly well, before he was ten years old.

Sullivan completed his musical studies at the Leipzig Conservatory in 1861. At the conservatory he was a student in the best sense of the word, winning and retaining the respect and affection of his masters, Hauptmann, Moscheles, Plafly, Reinecks, etc.

Cambridge and Oxford each gave him the degree of Mus. Doc. He was made Chevalier of the Legion of Honor; was grand organist to the Freemasons, and in 1883 was knighted by Queen Victoria.

His works are many, and are among the best of the period. He wrote songs; piano pieces; hymntunes and anthems; cantatas and oratorios; dramatic music; string quartets; operettas; a symphony in E for orchestra, etc. His "Lost Chord" and "Onward, Christian Soldier" are sung wherever songs are sung, or Christians meet for church services.

It is fair to say that he was the most popular and best known English composer of his time.

The operetta of "Pinafore" ran for seven hundred nights in England on its first production. "The Mikado" and "Patience" were as well liked.

Sullivan's musical life covered fifty years. He made the most of it and now rests.

Music is one of the many and related forms of education that together have made possible and so enriched the high civilization of the present that the world would be poorer if, in its march any one of these would be left behind. It might be possible for many things to continue without music. Legislation, law, medicine, language, literature, science, building, and the thought and work of the world might go on if there were no musical college, no singers, no players. Yes, that might be. One can not certainly say in reference to music, as one can in mathematics or chemistry, just what it has done, or enabled man to do; but this we do know, that music has journeyed along with and been a part of the life and growth of civilization, and no one can say what the world would have been without it. Music has rocked the cradle and blessed the home and gladdened the ears and lightened the toil of each generation; it has cheered the lonely, soothed the sorrowing, and inspired the worship of the millions. It has gone with the soldiers to the battle and the mourners to the grave, and mingled with all earth's dreams and hopes of heaven. Plato had similar thoughts when he wrote: "Music, that perfect model of elegance and precision, was not given to men by the immortal gods with the sole view of delighting and pleasing their senses, but rather for appeasing the troubles of their souls and the sensations of discomfort which imperfect bodies must necessarily undergo."

—Music and Musicians.

Since the death of Brahms, a struggle has been going on between his relatives and several musical societies with regard to the disposition of his possessions. According to the Vienna Neue Freie Presse, a list of the items composing the estate has just been made, and includes a deposit in the Deutschen Reichsbank of 180,000 florins (\$87,000), to which is to be added an interest in a firm of music publishers to the value of 6,000 florins (\$2,900). The inventory of valuable objects is very lengthy and includes presents made by various public bodies and private admirers; among which may be mentioned a large laurel wreath in solid silver. It is a remarkable fact that he did not possess a piano of his own. His collection of autographs was a magnificent one, and numbered 182. Among others are a musical autograph of Beethoven, many compositions of Mozart, works of Schubert and Schumann, fragments from "Tristan and Isolde" and twenty letters of Wagner; compositions of Hector Berlioz, Cherubini, Chopin, Donizetti, Haydn, Joachim, Liszt, Rubinstein, Sechter, Spohr, Johann Strauss, Weber (six songs and a letter to Spohr); also a letter from King Ludwig II. to Wagner; letters from Goethe, Schiller and Ibsen; poems by Grillparzer and Ruckert; original score of an opera by Turgenev.—Digest.

PIANO PRACTICE.

As to the number of hours one should employ in technical practice, much will depend on the physical endurance of the player. When freshness and vigor seem to wane, it is best to take an intermission. One hour of work with intense attention and studious tact is worth more than four hours of drowsy dawdling. —An Old Teacher.

NOTES.

Park church is to have its organ in order for use this month.

What is the matter with the Fourth church organ? From reliable reports changes are being made with a frequency that seems strange for the so much lauded instrument.

The Hill Congregational choir, Mr. Lord organist, gave its monthly concert on Sunday, Dec. 2d.

There was a fair number present, and the music was enjoyable. The Rev. Dr. Hunter of Chicago conducted the readings, and made an address.

Mr. Lord is doing good work at the Synagogue, on Charter Oak street.

The music at the Cathedral, Farmington avenue, seems to be giving great satisfaction.

One day during a cold snap last winter I saw an old man in a grocery acting rather suspiciously, and soon I saw him steal a potato from a barrelful of the tubers that stood outside the counter. The old fellow slipped out of the house as soon as he could conveniently, and limped away. I followed him, thinking to give him what change I could spare, for I thought he must be desperately poor if he must steal a potato.

When I caught up with him and offered him a little money the old man roared with laughter. When he had got his breath again he said:

"You saw me steal the potato, didn't you?"

"Yes sir, I did."

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I saw. And I sawed wood. — Will Visseher in the September Woman's Home Companion.

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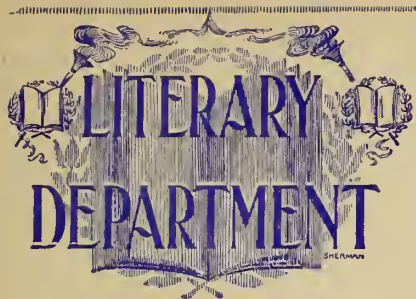
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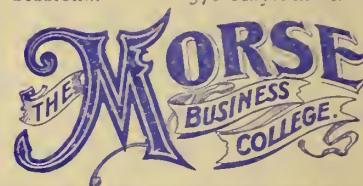
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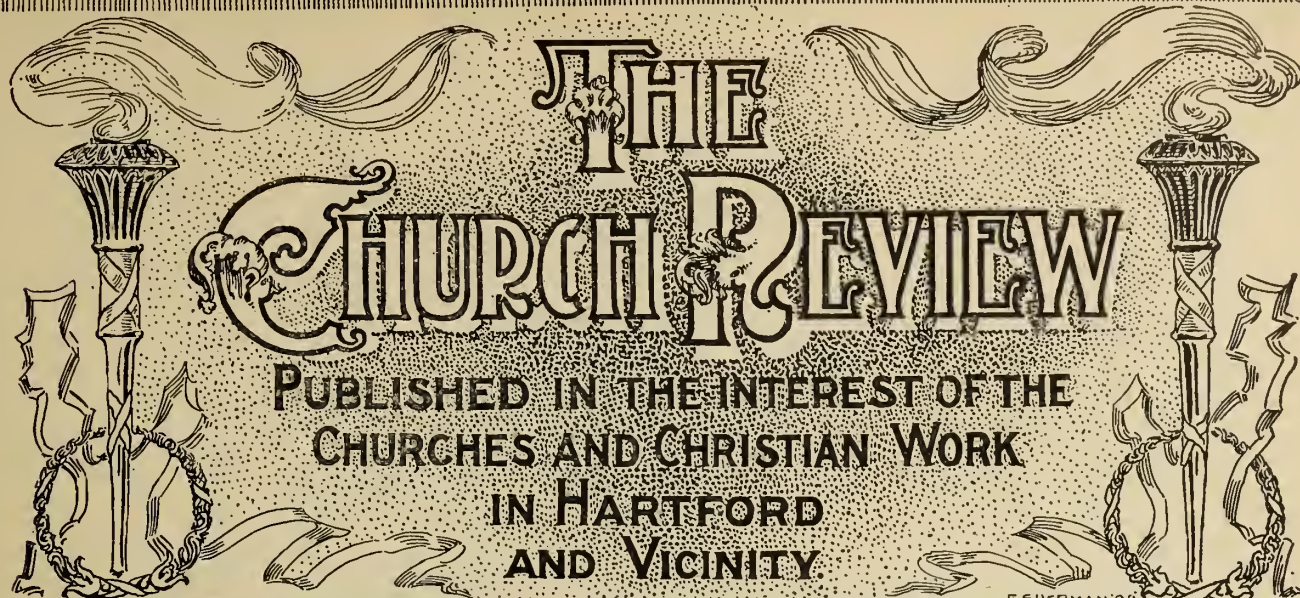
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wisdom,
Borne down with years, still doat upon
to-morrow!
The fatal mistress of the young, the
lazy,
The coward and the fool, condemned
to lose
An useless life in waiting for to-mor-
row,
To gaze with longing eyes upon to-
morrow.
Till interposing death destroys the
prospect.
Strange that this general fraud from
day to day
Should fill the world with wretches,
undetected!
The soldier, laboring through a win-
ter's march,
Still sees to-morrow drest in robes of
triumph;
Still to the lover's long-expecting arms
To-morrow brings the visionary bride.
But thou, too old to bear another
cheat,
Learn that the present hour alone is
man's.

—Samuel Johnson.

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY SUNDAY.

By Rev. W. W. Breckenridge.

How is the coming Sunday to be ob-
served? This is a question asked by
some with fear, dreading the changes
which may destroy what has been held
sacred, and by others with a sense of
relief, hoping that the new century
may do away with restrictions which
interfere with their liberty and pleas-
ures. The manner of keeping Sunday
has changed in the last ten or fifteen
years wonderfully, and every new year
sees some new encroachment, both of
work and of pleasure, on the quiet and
rest of the day.

We wonder how far this tendency to
break down all distinction between
Sunday and other days, or to make it
merely a day for holiday picnicing and
recreation, is to go. It is plain that we
cannot return to the Puritan Sabbath

of fifty or a hundred years ago. Few
advocate such a return with any en-
thusiasm, and it is certain that the
vast majority do not want it. But it is
also true that the present condition of
affairs is unsatisfactory to almost ev-
erybody. Those who believe in a Sab-
bath are drifting along without special
plans, other than to keep all they can
of the old laws and customs, and to
cry out now and then against some
new form of desecrating the day. The
breaking of laws regarding Sunday is
winked at as if they were different
from other laws, and nobody really ex-
pected them to be kept, and the legis-
lation represents no principle but is
rather a weak and meaningless giving
up of one position after another, un-
der pressure, and it does not appear
that any determined effort has yet
been made to secure a new system of
observing the day fitted to a new order
of things.

Meanwhile no part of the day is held
sacred by all. The morning hours are
more and more taken up with work
and business, and the afternoon with
recreation and pleasure. Here is a re-
cord of what occurred on one of the
quietest streets of the city, only a few
weeks ago: Seven o'clock, awakened
by the rattle of milk wagons through
the streets, and as every family has a
different milkman, some twenty or
thirty passed within hearing reach;
eight o'clock, a few groceries are de-
livered to those who probably left their
shopping until the eleventh hour Sat-
urday night; nine o'clock, a big boy
appears with a cart peddling large
bundles of paper printed in red, white
and blue—either circus posters or New
York Sunday papers—the boy calling
at the top of his voice; nine twenty,
two boys, also with papers trying who
could yell the loudest; nine thirty, two
more boys, one selling papers and the
other exercising his lungs; ten o'clock,
one small boy with a loud voice, with
a load of New York posters and Wa-
terbury gossip. He could be heard at
least four blocks. And with my mind
thus pleasantly prepared for worship
I went to church.

So much for the morning.

It is a bright day in the fall of the
year, and about two o'clock men and

women, boys and girls, sometimes
whole families, start out on their bicy-
cles for a merry spin through the
streets and country woods. Others are
dressed up for a picnic and pass down
the street for the cars, all going to the
parks to enjoy the "sacred concert."—
In just what respect it differs from the
ordinary kind does not appear.—From
six to nine o'clock, there is a general
return from the wheel trips and the
picnic parties, and at ten o'clock some-
what of quiet and peace is restored.

What occurred in the busier streets
with the continual rush and roar of
trolley cars and passing throng must
be left to the experience of those who
live on them and the imagination of
others.

Reflecting upon this state of things
in one of the oldest and most conserva-
tive of the cities of the country, this is
what I thought: First, that the old
Sabbath, such as we used to know it,
with its quiet and rest and freedom
from worldly thought and care, and the
rush and push of ordinary things, has
gone, and that for the present, at
least, it is not coming back. The tide
is all the other way. Watching the ef-
forts of those who love the sacred day
to restore the old-time strictness of
its observance one sees how useless
they are. All fail sooner or later. We
must accept the fact that the Sunday
of the twentieth century is to be dif-
ferent from the old one. Just what the
changes are to be depends on the Chris-
tian church and people to say.

My next thought was that there
should be a movement in form of sav-
ing the morning hours of the day for
perfect rest and quiet and preparation
of heart and mind for divine service.
Let all work so far as possible, and
peddling of supplies and newspapers
be forbidden during the morning, then,
after services are over, as a reward, if
you please, for their keeping quiet in
the morning, let there be an easing up
for the afternoon and evening. What-
ever work is necessary on the day, let
it be put in those hours, and make no
objection to those people who may de-
sire to enjoy the freedom of God's sun-
shine and free air. How infinitely bet-
ter this would be than what we have
at present. And it savors of some rea-

sonable principle of action, fully determined upon and carried out, and not mere caprice and lawlessness.

And again I thought what a base form of selfishness it is to either carelessly or purposely spend our day of rest in such a manner as to disturb others or compel some one to work for our benefit.

All unnecessary riding upon the cars for mere purposes of pleasure stands open to this charge. So does the peddling of Sunday papers through the streets by screaming boys. A man may read a Sunday paper if he thinks that is the best way to spend the Sabbath. We may not admire his taste, still it is his own affair; but when he establishes a system of obtaining his paper which disturbs the community, then others have something to say.

And my last thought for the night was that to secure even these morning hours there must be a greater display of earnestness upon the part of the

position. Music lovers will naturally wend their way to this building very soon after arrival upon the grounds, and both here and from the band stands in the great Esplanade and in the Plaza they will always find some entertainment in progress which will appeal to their love of musical art. The Music Temple is well along toward completion. Its architecture is a free treatment of the Spanish Renaissance, it being octagonal in form, with pavilions at the corners. The grand entrance is at the corner of the Esplanade and Court of Fountains, the spacious courts upon which most of the principal buildings of the Exposition have their frontage. The cornice and balustrade are of elaborate composition, the latter bearing names familiar to the musical world. The interior of the temple will be particularly fine in its sculptural and color decorations. The exterior of the building will be ornate in architectural feat-

Concerts by the leading instrumental organizations of America and Europe will be given every day during the progress of the Exposition in the Music Temple and from the band stands in the Plaza, Esplanade and other parts of the grounds. In connection with the subject of music at the Pan-American Exposition, mention should be made of the notable attractions to music lovers to be provided at the great Saengerfest of the North American Saengerbund, which will open in Buffalo on Monday evening, June 24th, 1901. It is expected that this Saengerfest will have the largest attendance of any ever held. Besides the singing by the great choruses of the Saengerbund, there will be singing by the massed male choruses of Buffalo. An orchestra is to be engaged for the occasion of from 80 to 100 men. For the purpose of defraying the expenses of the 'Fest, a company has been formed by Buffalo music lovers, called the Buffalo



A GLIMPSE OF THE PAN-AMERICAN EXPOSITION. ~
THE MANUFACTURERS AND LIBERAL ARTS BUILDING FROM THE COURT OF FOUNTAINS.

Christians of the community. We must remember that, as no hour will remain empty, so no day will be long kept for nothing, and if we do not use Sunday for purposes of worship, then it will surely be used for some other purpose. I count one of the most disrespectful ways of breaking the Sabbath the present increasing habit of passing its morning hours in "a little more sleep, and a little more slumber, and a little more folding of the hands to rest." Think of a Christian soldier who can't get up till ten o'clock on the day the battle is to be fought! If we who love the Sabbath as held sacred in memory of our divine Lord do not arouse ourselves to honor Him, it is hardly to be expected that others can be persuaded to honor or respect the day. Here as in all things a little earnestness and respect for the rights of others will cure many an evil.

MUSIC AT THE PAN-AMERICAN EXPOSITION, BUFFALO.

One of the chief architectural features at the Pan-American Exposition will be the splendid Temple of Music. This will be the center for musical interests at the great All-American Ex-

position. Music lovers will naturally wend their way to this building very soon after arrival upon the grounds, and both here and from the band stands in the great Esplanade and in the Plaza they will always find some entertainment in progress which will appeal to their love of musical art. The Music Temple is well along toward completion. Its architecture is a free treatment of the Spanish Renaissance, it being octagonal in form, with pavilions at the corners. The grand entrance is at the corner of the Esplanade and Court of Fountains, the spacious courts upon which most of the principal buildings of the Exposition have their frontage. The cornice and balustrade are of elaborate composition, the latter bearing names familiar to the musical world. The interior of the temple will be particularly fine in its sculptural and color decorations. The exterior of the building will be ornate in architectural feat-

ures and groups of sculpture designed to illustrate the purpose and character of the building. A dome whose crown is 136 feet above grade and whose interior is brilliant with golden tints and other rich hues gives an imposing finish to the structure. Star-shaped windows in the drum of the dome admit abundant light to the large auditorium. This will seat 1,200 persons, and with the additional seating capacity afforded in the balconies fully 2,000 persons can be accommodated. The decorations of the interior will illustrate such subjects as the grand divisions of Music, Oratorio, Grand Opera, Symphonic Music, etc. The sculpture, by some of the most noted sculptors in America, will typify such subjects as religious music, lyric music, gay music, heroic music, etc.

The great organ for the Temple of Music, which is to cost \$10,000, is under construction by Emmons Howard & Son, and already there is much eagerness among the leading organ-

ists of the United States to have the privilege of playing upon it during the Exposition. Two recitals by prominent exponents of this branch of musical art will be given each day.

Saengerfest Company, with a capital stock of \$40,000, divided into 1,600 shares at \$25 each. Each share of stock entitles the holder to two season tickets to the Saengerfest and entitles him also to a pro rata share in the proceeds of the festival.

CHILDREN IN COLOSSAL CHORUS.

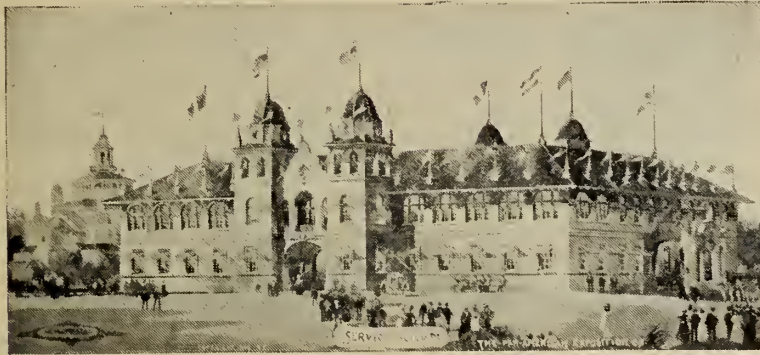
During the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, at Buffalo, three years ago, the most novel, beautiful and inspiring feature of the welcoming and parade ceremonies was the introduction of thousands of school children, who, under the direction of Prof. Joseph Mischka, and arrayed in red, white and blue dresses, were grouped upon tiers of sloping seats in the line of march so as to represent a colossal animate "Old Glory" and a living star in the national colors, and welcoming the honored veterans with appropriate patriotic anthems. The same idea, but on a much grander and more picturesque scale, will be introduced by Prof. Mischka on Decoration Day, Fourth of July and other special anniversaries, in the immense Stadium of the Pan-American Exposition at

Buffalo in 1901, and will prove to be one of the most impressive and enjoyable of its host of extraordinary attractions. Songs on the Pan-American will be distributed throughout the public schools, to be learned during the interim.

PAN-AMERICAN BIBLE STUDY CONGRESS.

Buffalo, July 17-31, 1901.

No other volume in existence has attained a prominence in the mind and heart and life of mankind equal to that



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of the Bible, God's revelation of Himself to humanity.

No other than this book of books has served so largely to mould public sentiment, and influence for good the nations of the world, and in a great degree to weld them into a unity unknown in the earlier ages.

No other book the wide world over has been so generally circulated and so universally read, not only by the common people but by theologians and other learned men and women who are seeking devoutly or otherwise clearly to understand its ethical and its practical teachings.

Special plans and systems of study are now prominently presented for use in Bible and Sunday schools and the home, each of which has strong points that deserve candid recognition such as has not always obtained and cannot fairly obtain in existing organizations especially related to that subject. The call for advance in this line is so strong and persistent that it should not be ignored. Experts in secular education have long claimed that the general standard in Bible school instruction of the young especially should be materially raised, to entitle that work to the respect that should be its due, and their claim should be properly considered.

The times are ripe for fresh investigation and closer study of its sacred pages. The opening of a new century seems especially auspicious for such work. The early advent of the new revision of the scriptures with the preferences of the American revisors makes such discussion on American soil and by American peoples eminently suitable. The occurrence of the Pan-American Exposition furnishes an occasion that should not be allowed to pass unheeded.

The purposes of the congress are as follows:

1. To conduct a carefully planned series of meetings in Buffalo, N. Y., during the period of the Pan-American Exposition, for the discussion of prin-

ciples and methods of Bible study and Bible teaching and related topics.

2. For a fair and just comparison of the various plans for Bible study now in operation, each to be considered strictly upon its merits, without fear, favor or prejudice.

3. To provide a platform upon which all who love and revere the word of God may freely exchange views for the betterment of Bible study, with absolute freedom of expression within the appropriate limits of such an occasion.

4. To arrange for the exhibition and comparison of the various ma-

terial and appliances that represent the most progressive plans for Bible study, especially those from the American states.

5. To secure from every available source, and in uniform style for publication, the statistics and such details of methods as will properly set forth American methods of Bible study and the results gained, in comparison with those of other countries.

Of necessity, the congress will be



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non-partisan, non-sectarian and non-ecclesiastical. It will not represent any religious body whatever, nor will it exercise any legislative or executive function.

Its aim will be strictly educational, avoiding polemical disputation, in the hope that the practical benefits to be derived may be wide-spread, to which end experts in every field of inquiry will be sought.

Those desiring further information should address J. L. Slater, Sec'y., Buffalo, N. Y.

Wait, watch, work, are three words for Christ's friends.

Christ's coming is not to be dreaded, but to be hoped for.

MISSIONARY NOTES.

It is just one hundred years since the first Christian convert of India was baptized by William Carey. There are today barely less than one million native communicants, not including those of the Roman faith.

The automobile may soon become an important factor in African missionary extension. It is now being introduced for transport purposes in the Congo State.—Exchange.

The Japanese government has granted to the students of the Middle School of St. Paul's college, Tokyo, the privilege of exemption from military conscription. The school is therefore given the same footing as the government schools.—Spirit of Missions.

If any one thinks it is pleasant to be ill in the mission field, let him imagine the conditions obtaining in Dawson, Alaska, where we are told that the prevalence of typhoid fever is appalling. The greatest luxury that can be given the patient is condensed milk, and that almost two years old.—Selected.

Some men seem to have an inherent capacity for doing good in ways that one, thinking only of their daily occupations, would never suspect. Or is it only that they set themselves to see and improve the opportunities for service that open before them no more frequently than before all the rest of us. Take for instance a soldier like Lieut.-Col. Coolidge. A few years ago he was stationed among the Indian tribes of the west. Through his insight and aid an Indian lad was made to desire something better for himself and his people. He was sent to Shat-

tuck school, at Raribault, in time studied for orders, and is now the Rev. Sherman Coolidge, doing admirable work for the church among his own people in Wyoming.—From Spirit of Missions.

Dr. Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, who was fighting for the temperance cause as never a bishop fought before, went down to Exeter while he was Bishop of London and made a speech on temperance. In the course of his observations he remarked, incidentally, "I was never drunk in my life," and the next morning when the newspapers published their placards one of the headlines was "Startling Statement By a Bishop."

"COMPLETELY A GENTLEMAN."

The most sterling manhood is the need of all times, and especially the need of the present time. Every man should covet a tribute like this which General Hawley pays to the late Charles Dudley Warner: "He was completely a gentleman. He lived a religious life, but said little about it. He

two girls whom he saw reeling down a dark alley way of Buffalo. It changed him from a position of tolerance to one of hatred for the saloon. Patient women are being murdered in their homes by anxiety, while their loved ones are being murdered in the saloons by whiskey."—Extracts from sermons of preachers of Washington, D. C.



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regularly attended his church, respecting and obeying its observances. I never heard from his lips an indelicate or coarse story or an unclean idea. He abhorred injustice, meanness and dishonor. It is a cheerful spirit and a true wit and a sweet humor that we find in all his works.

To live content with small means;
To seek elegance rather than luxury,
and refinement rather than fashion;
To be worthy rather than respectable,
and wealthy not rich;
To study hard, think quietly, talk
gently, act frankly;
To listen to stars and birds, to babes
and sages, with open heart;
To bear all cheerfully, do all bravely,
await occasion, hurry never;
In a word, to let the spiritual, unbid-
den and unconscious, grow up
through the common,—this is to be
my symphony.

—William E. Channing.

Rev. Parge Milburn, Union M. E. church: "The church needs not to apologize for its interest in personal abstinence from intoxicating liquors and in every measure adopted for the repression and prohibition of the liquor traffic. Christianity stands for self-government, personal purity and victory over sin. The drink habit weakens self-control, is the forerunner of vice and is a constant impediment to personal religion." Rev. E. N. Kirby, Fifth Congregational church: "Cetewayo, the old African chief, witnessing the ruinous effects of drink upon his people, said to a British commissioner: 'Your spirits and your intoxicants are death.' Can we Christians find for this drink evil a better name? Is it not the foundation of physical, intellectual, moral and spiritual death?" Rev. John Van Schaick, Jr., Church of Our Father: "Kipling wrote in horror some time ago of

HOW LINCOLN LOVED A GOOD STORY.

(From "Lincoln at Work," by William O. Stoddard.)

I sat behind my table here one evening, and Mr. Nicolay sat in the other chair, a little behind me, at the left. At the fireplace, with one elbow on the mantle, stood John Hay. He was always the life of any place he ever got into, and he was telling us a story of the liveliest kind. That was a thing, too, that he could do remarkably well; and he had a laugh of his own that was catching. He and I had been alone in the room when he began to tell that story, and at the first of its humorous points we both broke down; that is, we both broke out into peals of laughter, which, to some men, might seem out of place, not in keeping with the solemn gloom of the White House at night, in war time. To tell the truth, we had not supposed that there was any one else awake in that part of the building.

Mr. Nicolay was at his desk across the hall, however, and he at once put down his pen and came over to find out what was going on. Of course the story had to begin again, and it went on as if there were no ghosts of lost battles stalking dismally along the shadowed corridors of the nation's headquarters. The funny point was reached a second time, and again the peals of reckless merriment went out to startle the proprietaries, if they had been there.

"John, just tell that story over again. I want to hear it."

The hall door was opened silently, and in walked President Lincoln, his dark face brightening with a smile of relief. Down he sat, right there, in Andrew Jackson's chair, and stretched himself out to hear the story. For once, you see, he had gone all the way out of his worship, leaving even his

tools behind him, and none of the other workmen, statesmen, or generals were anywhere near. He was hiding away in a sort of place of refuge, ever so far away from councils and camps and battle-fields.

John Hay did not stir from his post at the mantel, and he began at the beginning, doing it better than ever. That same first ludicrous climax was reached, and neither of us boys laughed more unrestrainedly than did the President. His feet came heavily down upon the floor, and he lay away back in Andrew Jackson's chair. The laughter was checked at last, and the narrative had just begun again, when the half-closed door from the hall was pushed open widely.

"Your Excellency, it's Mr. Seward. H's gone into your room, sir. I think it is Mr. Stanton, too, and a general with him. Maybe it's General Hallich, that's coming up the stairs." There stood old Edward Moran, the door-keeper, rubbing his hands one over the other, and looking almost comically regretful and apologetic. He was the last man to interrupt fun willingly, but his duty compelled him.

Mr. Lincoln sat still for a moment, all the merriment first, then the light fading out of his face. Then he slowly rose without saying a word, and walked out across the hall to his work-room. It did seem as if he all but staggered, as a man might in shouldering



"JOHN, TELL THAT STORY AGAIN."
From "Lincoln at work."

somewhat unexpectedly, suddenly, some oppressive, overweighing burden. We three were also silent, looking at one another. Who might guess what news of good or evil had brought to the President's office at that hour the men who had been announced by old Edward?

The breathing-spell, the respite from pain and toil, was at all events ended. It was the usual pattern, nevertheless. The story was never finished, for Mr. Nicolay went back to his room, and Mr. Hay went with him, and I still had work on my table that must be completed before sleep.



GLENWOOD CONGREGATIONAL.

On Dec. 11 the Ladies' society held their annual sale. At this time they also held a "salad supper." Both were well patronized and a goodly sum added to the treasury.

Christmas eve the children enjoyed their annual entertainment, after which Santa Claus made them a visit and gave to each a suitable present.

It was with pleasure that we heard Mr. Schmelz sing in our choir at Christmas time. We hope to hear him often.

On Dec. 31st we held a "roll call" meeting. This was very well attended.

On January 12, in the evening, it was the Lord's will to call home one of our bright and enthusiastic workers, Miss May Richmond. We shall miss her smiling countenance and helpful words from our Christian Endeavor meetings but we do not complain for we know it was God's will to take her from us and we repeat the words:

"Thy will be done, O Lord."

The C. E. Society passed resolutions, copy to be sent to her parents.

The church also passed the following resolutions:

"Recognizing in the death of our sister, May Richmond, the power and majesty of Him whose ways are past finding out, and feeling the pain of separation, we, members of the Glenwood Congregational church, wish to express our sympathy to the bereaved parents at this time of their loss. May the God of comfort be with us all, to sustain and prepare us for the home on high."

It was voted that a copy of this expression be sent to parents and one to the Church Review.

ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL.

The Girls' Friendly Society is a great success. They attend morning service and add greatly to the strength of the choir.

The Rector's Aid Society offer an attractive entertainment at the reception on Friday, the 18th.

The attendance was large at the Christmas tree service.

ASYLUM HILL CONGREGATIONAL.

The Sunday school has adopted the Blakeslee lessons on the "Apostolic Church" for study during 1901.

Rev. Mr. Twichell was most cordially welcomed home from his European trip at a reception given in the chapel, as well as in hundred of individual greetings. He is well, and has renewed energy for the winter's work.

The cantata "The Coming of the King," by Dudley Buck, was sung by the choir on the evening of January 6. It is a beautiful work, and was enjoyed by a large congregation.

The congregation is much indebted to the choir and organist for their efforts in behalf of the organ fund. The

last recital for that purpose was on Friday evening, January 4, when Liza Lehmann's newest composition "The Daisy Chain," was given. It is a setting to music of a number of child's verses, mostly Stevenson's.

WETHERSFIELD METHODIST.

The attendance has somewhat decreased for the last two weeks owing to much sickness in town.

The monthly business meeting was held at the home of the vice-president Wednesday evening, Jan. 2.

Extra meetings are being held during the week of prayer.

The pastor has succeeded in getting aid from out of town during these meetings.

FIRST BAPTIST.

The usual week of special prayer will precede the evangelical meetings, but instead of being at the church, many of them will be held in some of the homes of our members. The regular gospel meetings, conducted by Rev. C. A. Barbour, will run from February 12th to the 22nd.

The annual meeting of the Church society was held Monday evening, January 14th.

The Rev. R. Maplesden of Middletown led our mid-week prayer meeting Thursday evening, the 17th, having exchanged with our own pastor.

The second dinner of the Young Men's League this season was held on Wednesday evening, January 9th, at seven thirty, at Merrill's Hotel, cor. Grove and Prospect streets. There were addresses, banjo music and songs and all combined to make an unusually interesting occasion.

Last Sabbath were given out the scripture selections for daily worship for 1901, which have been prepared by the pastor. This series of readings is evidently the result of much research and consideration and should prove extremely helpful to anyone who follows them carefully.

NEW BRITAIN AVE. MISSION.

The New Year has been busy at the mission and prominent features were the two Christmas entertainments, the Sunday school's taking place on New Year's night. A most pleasing program was well carried out. An orchestra of volunteers assisted. The children of the primary department had their entertainment on the evening of the 2d, when each little one did his part nicely.

Jan. 4th the Ladies' Aid Society elected its officers as follows: Miss Lottie Mill, president; Mrs. E. R. Joslyn, first vice-president; Mrs. Walter Andrews, second vice-president; Mrs. J. W. Longden, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. C. J. Clare and Mrs. Calvin Best directresses; Mrs. Roys and Mrs. Myers, sick committee. After the election the ladies had their annual supper.

On Jan. 11 the ladies gave one of their famous suppers, followed by an entertainment.

Jan. 7th the old officers were elected to govern the Mission for the coming year, with exception of correspondent. Eight new members were added to the roll. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. Charles Belden has taken charge of the Blossom Band in place of Miss E. J. Whitaker, who has gone to Faith Missionary Training Home, St. Louis, Missouri.

We have had the pleasure of hearing Rev. Pleasant Hunter twice since he has been in this vicinity.

SUFFIELD ST. BAPTIST CHAPEL.

We were glad to welcome home several of our young people for the Christmas holidays.

The Christmas concert was a decided success, especially the recitations by the little folks, and the special music by the choir.

The usual Christmas distribution of gifts in the Sunday school occurred on the evening of January 1st. A few of the members of the primary department gave recitations and exercises. Our pastor, Mr. Wyman, told the children the story of Tommy Watkins' Christmas, and Mr. Day amused them a few minutes with funny stories. Each child was remembered by a gift from the school.

The members of our Endeavor Society gathered at the home of the Misses Marsh Monday evening, Dec. 31, to listen to two of their number while they told of their experiences of the summer. Carl Starbuck and Clyde Smith were fortunate enough to enjoy a wheeling tour in England and Scotland; and with the aid of stereopticon views, described their tour and visit to Paris, paying especial compliments to the courtesy and hospitality of the English farming people. The unique invitations given were in the form of a ship bearing the name of the boat that carried them across the Atlantic.

Our Sunday school has flourished during the past year. The enrollment is 144, with an average attendance of 92. Many members had been present over fifty Sundays, and received a prize for the same.

SOUTH PARK METHODIST.

The usual Christmas entertainment for the Primary and Intermediate departments of the Sunday school was given the Saturday before Christmas. Each child received a gift from the tree and a bag of candy.

Sunday evening, Dec. 23, the Sunday school gave their Christmas concert.

The night after Christmas the Junior Endeavor Society gave a social which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

We united with the other Methodist churches in a union watch night service at the First M. E.

So far during January our pastor has held special services. Rev. Harold rattison spoke one evening and Rev. Mr. Kelsey another. Friday, Jan. 11, Rev. Mr. Carter of Parkville and his "praying band" came in and took charge of the meeting.

UNITY CHURCH.

The regular annual Sunday school Christmas entertainment was held on the evening of Friday, Dec. 28. The first number on the program was a solo by Miss Edith Aab, the contralto of the church choir. This was followed by nineteen tableaux from the "Idylls of the King," presented by the members of Miss Rearden's class, under Miss Rearden's supervision. The costumes were bright and attractive, and the tableaux pleasing. Mrs. I. E. Carroll's reading of explanatory extracts from "The Idylls" contributed greatly to the success of the entertainment. After the tableaux presents were distributed to the members of the Sun-

day school and ice cream was served.

On the following Friday evening, Jan. 4, an entertainment for the benefit of the Sunday school was held. A play "Six Cups of Chocolate," was presented by the Misses Ethel Lowe, Hazel Preston, Iorma Eaton, Nellie Mulligan, Pauline Merrow, and Louise Glazier. This was followed by a duet and solos by Miss Cline and Miss Aab, and readings by Miss Eaton and Mrs. Carroll.

On Dec. 16th the subject for discussion in Mr. Walte's class was, "The Patriotism of Webster," and selections were read from his writings.

BLUE HILLS CHAPEL.

The work at Blue Hills is now under the direction of Mr. Marsh and Mr. Hawkes of the Seminary, and the evening services conducted by them are usually very well attended.

Interest in the Sunday school seems to be increasing, some of the large classes have been divided and new classes formed and teachers have come in to take them in charge.

At the beginning of the year the following officers and committees were chosen for the C. E. society:

Pres., F. M. Dawson; vice-pres., Fannie E. Fanning; rec. sec. and treas., Ella C. Lester; lookout committee, L. H. Mead, chairman; prayer meeting, Bessie M. Gallup, chairman; social, B. E. Marsh, chairman; missionary, Lucy H. Sweet, chairman; flower, Edna L. Blshop, chairman.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN.

This has been quite a busy month with us in the several departments of church work.

Dec. 14 the Loyal Workers' Society held its semi-annual business meeting for the election of officers and committees. The officers were all re-elected, but the committees were somewhat changed.

Dec. 23 Deacon M. G. Dunham again relieved the pastor in the evening service by giving us an interesting talk on past experiences, and how we should profit thereby.

The evening of Dec. 27 was devoted to the children for their Christmas celebration.

Interesting services were held watch night, quite a number being present.

Jan. 10 a business meeting of the church and society was held for the purpose of uniting the two, and at that meeting the name of the church was changed from Second Advent to Advent Christian for the sake of unifying ourselves with the denominations at large, that being our rightful name.

A new meeting has been arranged for to be held at the pastor's house the first Friday evening in every month, taking the character of a Bible class, to study important topics. The first one was held Jan. 4 with "The New Birth" for the topic.

The meeting is open to everybody who wishes to come.

FARMINGTON AVE. CONGREGATIONAL.

The young men have formed a Current Event club which has started out very auspiciously. We have secured as leader of the club a man who is very well versed in the topics of the times and who is much interested in young men. Two weeks ago the Boer ques-

tion came up for discussion and after some very able papers by our pastor and Judge J. Gilbert Cathoun the meeting was thrown open for questions and some lively tilts took place. This week we take up the question "Should the government control the canals on this continent," and expect a lively meeting.

On New Year's evening the young people, representing the twentieth century, gave a reception to the older people representing the nineteenth century, and a very enjoyable evening was spent, most of it being given up to tableaux representing the advertisements which are found in our present day magazines.

A great deal of ingenuity was shown in planning the tableaux so that it would be easily recognized by the audience who were expected to guess what was represented.

WARBURTON CHAPEL.

Our kindergarten entertained the children from the East Hartford Center kindergarten at their annual Christmas celebration held in the chapel Friday afternoon, Dec. 21. One hundred were present.

On Monday, Dec. 24, the members of the sewing school met for a social and supper. Fifty-five of the scholars attended.

The entertainment for the Sunday school was held Friday evening, Dec. 28, at which time the scholars gave a cantata. Mr. Charles Edward Prior, Jr., sang and readings were given by Mr. Talmage and Miss Gilchrist.

The annual report for the Sunday school showed a membership in the regular school of 211 and 41 in the home department, making in all 252, the same number as shown one year ago.

The offerings from the Sunday school were \$279.37; from the choir \$82.36, and from the Y. P. society \$18.43; total \$370.16.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The December meeting of the Men's League on Thursday, Dec. 20th, was well attended. The speaker, Mr. Alfred Richards, delighted his hearers with a paper on "Travels in Europe."

Miss Richards sang two songs very acceptably and added to pleasure of the evening.

Lunch was served by the Daughters of the King.

The January meeting of the League will be held on Thursday evening, Jan. 24.

The speaker will be Mr. Meigs Whaples and his subject "Money." The Girls' Friendly society will serve a light lunch.

The Christmas day services were well attended.

Holy communion at 7:30 a. m. and full morning service at 10:45.

The music was well rendered. The church was dressed with the Christmas greens.

The carol service of the Sunday school was held Sunday. The rector gave an address on the birth of our Saviour.

The Christmas festival and entertainment of the Sunday school was held Friday, Dec. 28, at the Memorial house.

The scholars of the school set down to a turkey supper and enjoyed a bountiful repast early in the evening.

After which an entertainment was given in the hall where a large number of the members of the church and their friends had gathered.

A Christmas play was given, followed by a minstrel show by the young folks of the parish. This was very well presented and proved very entertaining.

The rector and his family have the sympathy of the parish in their recent bereavement. Their youngest daughter, Elizabeth Stone, entered into rest Thursday, Dec. 27, after a long illness.

WETHERSFIELD CONGREGATIONAL.

The choir were assisted by twelve other voices from the church in their Xmas music, giving a praise service in the evening. It is gratifying to see Mrs. Young, our soprano, back again after an absence of five weeks, from illness.

The Sunday school Christmas entertainment was held on Friday evening after Christmas.

We held services in the church on New Years eve to watch the old year and century out, followed by the ringing of the bell and a large fire in front.

During the week of prayer the meetings were well attended and very interesting.

Mr. Clark exchanged with Rev. Mr. Marsh of the Wethersfield Ave. church last Sabbath morning. In the evening he began a series of lectures of Christ's great sayings to his disciples.

Last year our Sunday school contributions increased one hundred dollars over the previous year.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST.

The semi-annual business meeting of the B. Y. P. U. was held in December. The following officers were elected: Pres., Miss Mabel Jameson; vice-pres., Miss F. M. McKinney; secretary, Eugene Bestor; treas., Miss Helen P. Moses; collector, J. H. Thompson.

A Christmas party was given for the Primary department on the Thursday after Christmas. About seventy of the little ones were present, besides a number of the mothers and some members of the "Cradle Roll."

The older members of the Sunday school held their Christmas entertainment on the following Friday.

The Rev. R. H. Traver of West Hartford preached the sermon at our watch-night service. Papers were read by four young men of the church.

The week of prayer has been observed by special meetings which have been well attended.

On each Thursday evening, after the regular meeting, a half-hour is spent in the study of the Sunday school lesson. All who are able to attend find these meetings very helpful.

WINDSOR CONGREGATIONAL.

At the annual meeting of the Ecclesiastical Society a committee was chosen to consider the advisability of building a new parish house and a new parsonage.

The Sunday school has elected Rev. Frank V. Mills superintendent, Frederick Chidsey, assistant superintendent; Mrs. Walter Loomis, superintendent of the Home Department.

The Endeavor society have elected the following officers for the next six months: Pres., Miss Nellie Barden;

vice-pres., Mr. Samuel Cooley; rec. sec., Miss Elsie Taylor; cor. sec., Miss Clara Bedortha; treas., Mr. Raymond Beardslee.

OLIVET BAPTIST.

Our pastor, Rev. James B. Connell, observed the week of prayer by holding special services each evening. A good degree of interest was shown and some of our friends rose for prayers. In the average the meetings were very well attended.

Our Christmas concert passed off very well.

The members and friends of the church presented their organist, Mr. H. W. Newton, with an oak rocking chair in appreciation of his services during the past year.

WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

Our Sunday school enjoyed their Christmas anniversary. A supper was furnished them and a social evening. Mr. Wright made some remarks, also others. The little ones enjoyed their gifts.

A church meeting for choice of officers followed by the annual supper was appointed for Thursday evening, Jan. 10, but the storm caused it to be postponed.

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL, EAST HARTFORD.

The week of prayer was observed by special meetings each evening, lasting from 8 o'clock till 8:30, and led by the young men of the church. The leaders were as follows: Monday evening, Clifford F. Brewer; Tuesday, Frank H. Ensign; Wednesday, Clarence S. Forbes; Thursday, Pastor Rev. F. P. Bachelier; Friday, Vincent C. Brewer. The meetings on Thursday and Friday nights were necessarily omitted on account of the storm.

The Rev. Mr. Tutbill of the First Congregational church exchanged with Mr. Bachelier Sunday last.

The adjourned meeting of the church was held in the vestry Monday evening, Jan. 14th, for the purpose of hearing reports and transacting other business.

The clerk's report showed a gain of two members, seven having been received on confession and five having died during the year, making a total membership of 108.

The treasurer's accounts showed the church to be in good financial standing. The report of the Sunday school superintendent showed a gain of fifteen new scholars, making the membership of the Sunday school 119, with five officers.

The C. E. society was also shown to be in flourishing condition, having a membership of about thirty.

F. Howard Ensign was authorized to consult authority regarding the changing of the name "So. Church Society," in the Coleman fund to the "So. Congregational church." This will enable the church to draw the interest on the money as it has not been able to do up to this time.

A new radiator was also voted for the rear of the church.

Plans were discussed for having the annual business meeting of the church a more attractive event. It was thought that beginning with the twenty-fifth anniversary of its dedication, which occurs in 1902, we should have a social

gathering, a supper and then reports and other business.

We expect to make our twenty-fifth anniversary a notable event.

ST. PAUL'S METHODIST.

There are several cases of grip and of diphtheria in our midst.

The pastor and his wife received a goodly Christmas token of money from the church.

Twenty-three persons, mostly boys and girls in the Sunday school, were converted and united with the church on probation as a result of the special evangelistic services.

The union watch night service in St. Paul's church was a source of much spiritual profit. Members of Grace Protestant Episcopal and Olivet Baptist churches united with us. The Rev. James Balfour Connell, pastor of the Olivet Baptist, delivered the address, which was exceedingly appropriate and helpful.

A social will be held in the church parlors on Friday evening, Jan. 18th.

The officers of the Epworth League were installed on Monday evening, January 14th. Mr. George S. King is the new president and Miss Ella McIntosh the new secretary.

Presiding Elder Adams will hold the last quarterly conference Saturday evening, February 3d, and will preach in St. Paul's church Sunday morning, February 4th, next.

The "Parkville," or rather, "West" district of the Hartford federation of churches, has been organized by all the representatives of the churches. The territory has been divided and apportioned by streets, as nearly equal as possible. A complete list of the members and attendants of each church has been placed in the hands of the representatives of each church respectively, and a careful canvass is being made to be reported by the first week in February.

NEWINGTON CONGREGATIONAL.

The Christmas entertainment consisted of a bountiful supper to all, a cantata given by the children and ending with a Christmas tree, with presents for the primary class and boxes of candy for the five younger classes in the main school. The candy was kindly given by Mr. Alfred Pimm.

The services on watch night consisted of speeches on the progress of agriculture, science, business, and local affairs, made by Mr. Kirkham, Mr. Stanley Welles, Mr. Alfred Fish and Mr. Roger Welles, respectively. From 10:30 p. m. until 11 p. m. refreshments were served by the C. E. A prayer and praise service followed until 12. The old year was talked out and the new year rung in.

The annual church day services were not well attended on account of the ice storm. Reports of the various societies were given in the afternoon and a decided increase was shown in our benevolences. Mr. Alfred Fish was appointed assistant superintendent.

The ladies greatly enjoyed the supper served from 6:30 until 8:00 that the young gentlemen prepared and served. A vote of thanks was given for the efficient manner in which the supper was served. A prayer meeting followed.

The Ladies' Aid and ladies' prayer meeting will be held on Jan. 17, in the chapel.

Dr. Willard of Philadelphia has given a handsome clock for the chapel.

The Ladies' Aid have recently purchased a very artistic quartered oak pulpit set, consisting of a pulpit, two chairs, communion table and a small stand. Dr. Willard gave \$20 towards this set. We feel quite proud of our new possessions.

TRINITY CHURCH, WETHERSFIELD.

Christmas day the usual services were observed and well attended.

The Sunday school Christmas entertainment, held in Guild hall on the evening of December 27, was largely attended and very much enjoyed in that every part was so well done. This is very creditable to the careful, thorough training of Mrs. Stratton, assisted by Mrs. DeLamater.

At the close of the entertainment refreshments were served and gifts distributed. Rev. Mr. Walker, the pastor, was generously remembered.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 30th, the Sunday school carol service was held in the church and well attended.

It is interesting to know that on the last Sunday of the old year and century, our Sunday school attendance was larger than it has ever before been in the Sunday school's history.

On New Year's eve the closing of the old century and coming in of the new was fittingly observed in our church. Just as the new century dawned holy communion was served.

It was remarkable to note, among the good attendance, several of the oldest and most faithful church members who have seen so many years of the old century. May they live to enjoy many more of the new.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

The Ladies' Aid societies gave a supper and sale of useful and fancy articles Dec. 13 which was very successful and, together with the rummage sale, held in November, netted a very good sum for the treasury of the church.

Under the lead of our new superintendent our Sunday school is increasing in membership and efficiency and is now doing very good work. The school assisted in the evening service Christmas Sunday, rendering a coral service. The usual Christmas exercises were held the day following Christmas. Each scholar received a gift and a very pleasant afternoon and evening was spent.

A new hymn book "the Presbyterian Hymnal," was introduced during the fall and is greatly enjoyed by all members of the congregation. The responsive readings and choir responses are an improvement in the service of worship.

A movement has been started by our pastor this fall and winter toward getting a larger number of the children to attend the morning services. Thus far it has been very successful and it is encouraging to see the faces of so many of the boys and girls in the congregation.

Plans are being made for special meetings the latter part of the month and the first part of February, with a particular effort to reach the young people and the families of the church who have grown careless regarding the Christian life and the means of grace.

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* Editorial. *

BUDDHISM TO CHRISTIANITY.

One of the closing months of the nineteenth century was marked by an event in the religious world which is creating widespread astonishment as it is becoming better known. It is an amazing thing when the representatives of various sects of a pagan religion can come together and read its duty to Christianity. And were it not for one fact, all Christendom would resent it as a piece of impudent presumption. The reason it is not so treated is because it brings some very palpable truths right home to consciences not altogether at ease.

It is a self-evident truth that there must have been some strong provocation to cause such a widespread rising among the anti-foreign Chinese, with all its attendant horrors. And while the missionaries have been hastily blamed in many quarters, and in many respects unjustly, after all, it is admitted that in too many cases they have sanctioned injustices through mistaken zeal, and have often shown a spirit of revenge quite at variance with their teachings.

These facts are brought home in the course of the circular address of the Buddhist representatives. An address couched in most courteous terms, giving liberal credit where credit is due, and making its appeal rather in the name of humanity than of religion.

Concerning the past history and purpose of Christian missionaries, they have this to say:

"A retrospect of history shows that reverend ecclesiastics from all nations, especially the missionaries from the various Christian churches, have sailed to China in spite of its great distance, and have settled there one after another for more than one thousand years since the days of the Tang Dynasty, and that notwithstanding the great difficulties they had to contend, they have, with but one heart, exerted their energies for the propagation of their doctrine, and at the same time for the development of Chinese civilization. This they have done simply to the end that the zeal thus displayed for the furtherance of social happiness or welfare might have the effect of securing salvation for the Chinese people by virtue of that principle which commands general love for mankind. In this respect we, the followers of Buddha, can not sufficiently express our sincere admiration for them."

As to many of the methods employed, and the results achieved, they are unstinted in their praise.

"There can be no denying that the sincerity as well as enthusiasm displayed by the ministers of Christian churches in China is anything but insignificant. They have not only succeeded in establishing churches in every territory and distributing their preachers in the various provinces, but also secured, by dint of unremitting efforts, suitable machinery for the salvation of the souls of the Chinese people, by instituting schools, libraries, hospitals, poor asylums, orphanages, kindergartens, printing as well as publishing offices—all of them absolutely indispensable for the development of civilization, and all magnificently equipped and maintained for the furtherance of social welfare in China. The brilliant success thus secured by the missionaries in China the world cannot for a moment doubt."

The fact that the Chinese have failed to appreciate all this, and instead have destroyed the lives and property of Christians, is attributed to the deeds of many of the missionaries.

"In investigating the cause of the anti-religious spirit of the Chinese, we find that apprehension and terror entertained toward the foreign missionaries were virtually the origin of their implacable hostility. They have perceived that these missionaries have secured for themselves an immunity cal-

culated to subvert their established customs and manners; they have also recognized in their attitude a tendency to ignore the statutes of the country and a desire to accomplish the most selfish ends by the oppression of the Chinese government and people. They have, moreover, supposed that the foreign evangelists in China have arrogated to themselves the power of protecting the followers of their creed in utter disregard of the latter's criminality under the laws of the state, whereas non-believers, though legally innocent, were frequently entrapped into a crime. Under these circumstances they were led to the conclusion that the foreign missionaries in China have been exerting their energies for the accomplishment of a certain obnoxious ambition by stirring up the unprincipled rabble of the country, and with this object in view made their chapels and cathedrals a sort of asylum for criminals. The Chinese began to entertain the idea that the missionaries were intimately connected with the foreign policy of their own countries, and that having made themselves instrumental in carrying out the intrigues of their own governments, they must have labored for some sinister design, such as an extension of territory, along with the development of commerce. They saw with gross apprehension that in respect to foreign machinations the missionaries were the first to come, followed by consuls, with generals at their back; and they have feared that behind a man who had come with a Bible in his hand stood a warrior armed with a spear and a sword."

Concerning the correction of these evils they have much to say but they have two principal propositions. The first is, "that the ecclesiastical authorities in the world should exercise their influence in restraining the missionaries in China from proceedings which are likely to create suspicion on the part of the Chinese as to the existence of their secret connection with the foreign policy of their own countries. They should, for instance, be withheld from inducing their own governments to carry out schemes conducive to successful aggrandizement at the expense of China, on the plea of persecution inflicted—a plea frequently resorted to whenever more or less suffering has been inflicted on them by these Chinese. Nor should they be allowed to claim compensation for damages incurred, as they have hitherto done, for nothing can be more incompatible with the true principles of religion."

Their second proposition is to withhold the missionaries in China from their attempts to disturb the social institutions of the country.

"They must, in fact, be prohibited from any line of conduct subversive of the ancient customs and manners of China, or derogatory to her laws, or liable to be recognized as producing abuses of misprision through partiality displayed toward the converts as against non-believers — proceedings which can in no way be reconciled with the legitimate doctrine of religion. True, the Chinese civilization is as yet rudimentary, and improvements may, in many respects, be necessary in the customs and manners of the country. Still, nothing can be a greater mistake on the part of foreigners than to attempt to overthrow the whole organization at one blow, with a view to substituting their own customs and manners."

To see ourselves as others see us is not always a pleasant prospect, though often it is a profitable one. We cannot shut our eyes to the fact that injustices have been done to the Chinese. We want to believe that our own particular missionaries are guiltless in this matter, but wherever mistakes have been made let them be rectified, even if the reforms must begin with the representatives from home.

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Admiral Philip's monument is to be a \$100,000 endowment for a sailors' home. His wife, who is left with only a \$30 pension, is to have the benefit of the fund during her lifetime. America's admiration for the Christian captain who bared his head in the moment of triumph to thank Almighty God, and who, in the flush of victory, humanely remembered the defeated with "Don't cheer, boys; the poor fellows are dying," can now express itself in substantial support of a cause dear to the heart of the dead hero. J. P. Morgan and Company, New York, receive subscriptions to the fund.

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A PLEA FOR PEACE.

In the course of a recent sermon Cardinal Gibbons made a strong plea for universal peace. After reviewing the events of the past century, and especially its many bloody wars, he called attention to the great danger threatening this country in the establishment of a large standing army.

He said that although Christ's mission on earth was one of peace the nineteenth century had been an almost continuous scene of sanguinary struggles between the nations of Christian Europe. England is at this moment trying to bring to a successful close her war with the South African republics, a war which, it has been said, will cost her \$600,000,000. He spoke of our own wars in the past century and the scenes of horror which he witnessed on the battlefield while

serving as a volunteer chaplain during the Civil War.

"Is it not a mockery of justice," he continued, "and a scandal to the Pagan world, to see two Christian nations cutting each other's throat in the name of Christian civilization? Is it not an outrage to contemplate one nation forcing by the sword her laws, her government and political institutions on another nation, in the interests of trade and commerce, as if merchandise and dollars and cents were of more value than human lives? Is it not monstrous to see a strong power invading a weak one, and seizing her territories on the hypocritical plea of rectifying her boundaries?"

The cardinal said it was a subject of great concern to the friends of the gospel of peace that Christian Europe presented today the spectacle of a large military camp with all the nations armed to the teeth and living in mutual dread and distrust of each other. "May God so guide our legislators and statesmen," he said, "that they may never be betrayed into imitating European governments by the establishment of formidable standing armies. God forbid that we ourselves flushed with recent victories should ever become intoxicated with the wine of imperialism or militarism, but may we always follow the traditions of our fathers of the republic."

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Discouragement is dangerous. If we begin to yield to it we will soon become slaves to the mood, and it will bind upon us chains we cannot break. On the other hand, if we resist the feeling as we would any other temptation, we shall grow into a habit of cheerful hope which no pressure or trouble can disturb. The secret of such victoriousness is an abiding trust in God. Its value to a life is incalculable; it makes one a master of circumstances and conditions. In storm and danger, in pain and sorrow, in loss and trial, the heart of him who trusts God is ever at peace, and his face ever shines with the light of faith.

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How about those New Year resolutions? All broken? Make them over again. A good thing is well worth repeating, especially if the evil things have been repeated. Make your good resolutions every morning. It will then be easier to keep them than if you only make them once a year.

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In our December issue appeared an outline of the purpose and aims of the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo. In this issue will be found a description of the musical attractions offered, and illustrations of the Temple of Music and other examples of Exposition architecture.

Sunday schools desiring to give more emphasis to the subject of temperance than the regular quarterlies provide for, can obtain some excellent material for such lessons upon application to the Secretary of the Connecticut Temperance Union, Rockville. Some new literature has just been prepared by the union for this purpose.

BUSINESS AND PLEASURE.

Never before in the history of the Morse Business College since it was founded as the Bryant & Stratton Commercial College in the year 1860, has so large and prosperous an enrollment been entered upon the books of this admirable institution as now. Both the departments of Stenography, the Commercial Department and the night school are full to overflowing.

"This age demands men who have convictions," shouted the impassioned orator. "Where shall we find them?"

"In prison!" replied the man in the gallery.

The special discount sale of clothing and gent's furnishings which has been in progress the past few weeks at Willis & Wilson's will continue a few days longer. It's a chance to save dollars which should not be overlooked. See their advertisement on our back cover.

Pure candies at the lowest prices can always be obtained at the Hartford Candy Kitchen, 220 Asylum St. Take home a box of their fine chocolates and bon bons. An excellent brand is sold at 25 cents per pound.

Johnny: "Mrs. Talkedown paid you a big compliment today."

Mother: "Did she, really?"

Little Johnny: "Yes. She said she didn't see how you came to have such a nice little boy as me."

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

Senator Gallinger made a strong plea for the abolition of the "army canteen," in a speech on the Army Reorganization bill. He said that the Senate amendment to the bill, limiting the sale of liquors in the canteen to beer, was merely a mask; that beer was an intoxicant as much as whiskey, and that what was wanted was the absolute abolition of the sale of intoxicants in the army. In addition to speaking as a senator, he spoke as a physician, he being an honored member of that profession, having practiced for years before entering the senate. He quoted statistics showing that the steady use of intoxicants destroyed the constitution and resulted in premature death. He presented a list of officers in the Philippines who not only objected to the sale of intoxicants in the army canteen, but refused to allow it to be sold to the troops under their command, and said that the clergy of the land, the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and every other person who had the interest of the young men of the army at heart were opposed to the "canteen."

A suggestion worthy of more than passing notice was made in Washington this week by Judge Frank Long of Iowa. The subject under discussion was the urgent need of a uniform mar-

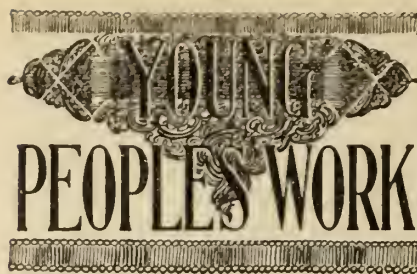
riage and divorce law for all the states and territories. Judge Long said: "I have often thought that a convention of the states to formulate regulations for the granting of divorces, as well as the control of trusts and other interstate matters would be a wise thing. It might be brought about by the President inviting the states to join in conference, and calling a convention to which each state would be asked to send delegates. The governor of each state might appoint, say, half a dozen of the ablest lawyers of the commonwealth, who could be authorized by the legislature to pledge the faith of the state that whatever statutes agreed upon by the convention would be enacted into law. The convention could then meet as any other legislative body, and after mature deliberation, draft such common laws as seemed to the majority wise, reporting its decisions back to the several states for ratification. I only offer this as a suggestion, but it seems to me there ought to be some way in which the states could get together on common ground in a matter of such common interest to all."

Mr. Charles W. Coyle, of California, who is making a tour of the east in the interest of the fifth international convention of the Epworth League, in San Francisco, delivered several lectures in Washington this week, illustrated with handsome views of scenery in California and en route. The Washington Epworthians expect to send a creditable delegation to the convention.

Probably the most unique religious service in Washington is that which is conducted every Sunday in the Chapel of Trinity P. E. church, by Rev. O. J. Whildin, who is a deaf mute, for the benefit of a small congregation of deaf mutes. There is no music, no sound of any sort, only the gesticulations and rapid movement of the hands and fingers of the minister and congregation when they jointly participate in the service and of the minister alone when he preaches the sermon.

Representative Gillett, of Mississippi, has introduced a bill for the protection of uncivilized races against the traffic in firearms and intoxicants. The measure was partly prompted by a suggestion in the President's message, but it is in line with suggestions made by several presidents and secretaries of state, and the war in the new Hebrides Islands between the uncivilized cannibals, who are, it is claimed, equipped with American guns and intoxicated with American rum, and the civilized and Christianized natives, has made it timely. The bill prohibits the sale of firearms, opium and intoxicants by American merchants in these and other islands in the Pacific not under the protectorate of any civilized power. England already has such a law and assurances have been given that Germany and France will follow this country if we adopt a similar one. Thousands of Americans have at various times petitioned for this legislation.

At Mansfield, Mass., recently, the social department of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union gave an "anti-cider" entertainment, with decorations of apple trees, a nice program about cider, fruit on exhibition galore, and a pledge, which 52 signed on the spot.—Temperance Cause.



HARTFORD UNION NOTES.

The January meeting of the Hartford Christian Endeavor Union will be held with the Y. P. S. C. E. of the Windsor Ave. Congregational church Friday evening, January 25, at 7:45.

The program will be of especial interest, being one well suited to begin the new year and new century alike.

"A Soul Savers' Meeting." Addresses are expected on the different phases of this topic by Rev. Rockwell Harmon Potter, pastor of the Center church and Mr. Jacks the new secretary of the Y. M. C. A. It is so hoped that every Endeavorer will make it a point to be in attendance.

Mr. H. H. Spooner, ex-president of the Connecticut State Union, spoke a few words of encouragement to the executive committee and directors of the Hartford union at the meeting held last Tuesday evening at Y. M. C. A. building.

General Secretary John Willis Baer furnished 2,000 attractive New Year's cards with a personal greeting and his picture for distribution by the prison committees of the various state unions.

Portland, Me., is bustling with preparations for the vigesimal celebration of the birth of Christian Endeavor, in Williston church, twenty years ago, to be held there January 31-February 3. Reduced railroad rates have been secured, and the most prominent representative Endeavorers of the continent will participate.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR PRAYER MEETING TOPICS.

(From the Presbyterian C. E. Manual.)

January 20.—Abiding Influence. Heb. 11:4; Matt. 26:13.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

They who care least for men's opinions, influence men's opinions most.

Abiding power results from abiding in Christ.

They live longest who live best.

A man's permanent influence is determined by his true worth.

Height does not insure length.

Today's living affects tomorrow's power.

Love has greatest longevity.

They whose faith influences God, most influence men.

Deeds die, but their odor remains forever.

Influence is eternal.

The life lived by faith is immortal.

Present popularity is not the same thing as abiding influence.

January 27.—Missions: Resolutions. Romans 1:14-16.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

A passion for preaching begets power in preaching.

The first qualification of a missionary is that he hear the "Woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!"

Paul was willing to perish if only he might preach.

Even a cross is to be welcomed if by it we may uplift Christ.

If we have the right zeal for preaching, God will never let us want for a pulpit.

The true missionary is ready to preach anywhere.

Love for Christ and love for souls are twin parts of the missionary equipment.

He who is ambitious for the kingdom will not be hurt by lesser ambitions.

Motive makes a missionary.

A consecrated life is always preaching.

February 3.—Christian Endeavor Day. Josh. 1: 1-11.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

If Christian Endeavor means anything it ought to mean more today than ever before.

This anniversary repeats the old Christian Endeavor messages that:—Youth can.

There is power in organization.

The best time to enter Christ's service is in youth.

Confession strengthens converts.

Fellowship promotes both loyalty and efficiency.

Service should be required of the saved.

The unity of believers proclaims the power of the Head.

Youth may make covenants direct with God, and keep them.

Young people can best win other young people.

February 10.—If Christ Should Come To-morrow.—1 Thes. 5:1, 2, 4-8.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

Oh, joy! when he comes we shall see him, and be near him!

The hope of Christ's coming should keep us holy.

All we know of the time of Christ's coming is that it will be when not expected.

Guests are not welcome in unprepared homes; will Christ be welcome?

Because we love Christ we should long for Him.

When he comes, all our doubts and hopes will become perfect knowledge.

All blessings come with Christ.

The unrepentant will be the unready.

Christ's coming will end all hardships for His own.

The Cortland, N. Y., W. C. T. U. has purchased a coffee cart and presented it to the fire department. The union has frequently furnished hot coffee to the firemen after a fire, but believing it would be more appreciated at the fire, they have purchased this cart, and will organize and uniform a company of twelve boys who will respond to all alarms. The cart is provided with a forty quart tank in which coffee can be made very quickly. It is also provided with drinking cups, and with lint, bandages and dressings, for any who may be injured at the fire. The gift is greatly appreciated by the fire department.—Woman's Temperance Work.

ADDITIONAL CHURCHES.

FOURTH CONGREGATIONAL.

Weeks before Xmas preparations were going on in primary and intermediate departments and the Sunday before "Xmas" we combined school and church service in one. New features in service were a Christmas story by Mr. Handy and the bringing of gifts by children and a present of sixty-five dollars to intermediate department by Mr. Trent's class, to go to 22 families.

Entertainments followed during the week. A choir from the school giving the Christmas songs of all nations splendidly, reflecting great credit on Mr. Benedict, the leader, who was ably assisted by Miss Weir.

New Year's eve a watch night service was held. An unusual event for the Fourth church. Messrs. Jacobus, Potter and Kelsey spoke. Many prayers and testimonies followed while the 19th century faded out and the 20th entered.

The first day of the year the pastor's reception was held in the chapel.

In the Bible school much interest is being shown and good work done. The adult classes are eagerly looking for recruits. The young men's class under Mr. Fisher's leadership is particularly active. Other departments are constantly growing.

Yokefellows room meetings are being well attended on Tuesday nights. Great interest is shown by numbers asking for prayers.

January is church meeting and church reckoning month. The year will end with financial balance on right side, thanks for this being due to trustees for their efficient services.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL, EAST HARTFORD.

At the annual church meeting 121 members sat down to supper. The history of the year was read by Miss Lillie M. Hunting. Few changes were made in the list of officers.

Services were held three evenings in the week of prayer, two of them being so stormy that few could be present.

The primary Sunday school held its usual Christmas entertainment on New Years' day, which was unusually well prepared.

The church has suffered an irreparable loss in the sudden death of Miss Grace E. Robison, superintendent of the primary Sunday school. She was a young lady of rare charm, whose winsome Christian character and tact and unfaltering fidelity had won her a unique place in all the circles of church, Christian Endeavor and Sunday school.

CITY MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

It is doubtful whether any group of people in Hartford had a more happy Christmas this year than the teachers and officers of the Morgan street Sunday school for it was clearly demonstrated to them that it is indeed "more blessed to give than to receive." And no greater delight could come to one than to see the sad faces which are so common there light up until the expression of their happiness is a quiet tear. As admitted each scholar was sent to the assembly room and at once seated at the dinner table with orders "not to bite." Here was a wonderful

sight. Three hundred gleeful children seated at tables so well supplied in a room which had been decorated for the occasion by an immense amount of labor. Superintendent John T. Robinson was in charge and each teacher stood near his or her class ready to supply their needs. Mr. A. T. Richards gave an excellent talk for the occasion and with great vigor the children joined in singing a Christmas carol. While the classes were seated at the tables Santa Claus came in and caused great excitement and consternation. Then the teachers gave to each member of their respective classes a present worth about fifty cents. It was a time of greetings and kind words and it was pathetic to note the presents that some of the little folks had brought with which to express their gratitude to their teachers. Many carried home special packages for others.

The committee is grateful to all who remembered them with such generous contributions. All that remained was sent to needy families in the neighborhood. The picture which came as a Christmas present to the school from Miss Jones of the social settlement deserves special mention and has found a good place upon our walls.

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL.

Sunday morning, December 16th, Rev. J. H. Ingram, M.D., a missionary who was stationed near Peking and was in that city during the siege, gave a very graphic account of the perils, hopes, fears, prayers, labors and providential deliverances of the besieged foreigners during that trying time. He made the scenes he described appear very real to his hearers, both as regarded human transactions and the divine power which saved them from apparently inevitable destruction. On the 23rd Dr. Parker gave a review of the usage of Christmas, its observance in former times, the abuses which desecrated it, the Puritan revolt against it which resulted in its extinction in most of the churches, its recent revival as a sacred holiday and the true spirit which should mark its celebration. He mentioned the fact that as far as he could ascertain, the first religious celebration of Christmas in New England, outside the Roman Catholic and Episcopal churches, occurred in the South church forty years ago. The following Sunday he preached an end-of-the-century sermon summarizing the advances in all departments of life since 1801 and taking hope for the future from the evident guidance of God in the past.

The annual meeting of the Sunday school which was to have occurred on the 13th inst., was instead postponed and will take place the next Sunday.

Samuel Dorman led the Young People's meeting December 16th, which will be remembered as an exceptionally good meeting. The subject was "Confessing Christ" and Mr. Dorman made a simple and very effective personal testimony. The Christmas meeting held on the 23rd was also a profitable one and was led by Robert Parker. The choice of officers of 1901, which occurred at this time resulted in the re-election of the officers of the previous year. The pastor led the last meeting of the old century, giving the society its motto for the New Year, "Justice, Truth and Love."

Mr. Olin Clark took the following meeting which though small was a

good one. On the 13th we were fortunate in having Rev. Dr. W. P. Ray who has spoken at several of the Y. M. C. A. men's meetings, to address us. Several of the men from the Y. M. C. A. came down on this occasion and swelled the number who listened to this earnest speaker.

The Sunday school gave an entertainment for the children on the afternoon of Jan. 2nd and a large number of the little folks assembled to enjoy it.

The annual reception of Dr. and Mrs. Parker, which this year marked the completion of the forty-first year of Dr. Parker's pastorate, was held Thursday evening, the 10th inst. The bad weather and an unfortunate confusion regarding the date, which was changed after the previous Sunday's announcement, diminished the number somewhat, but those who attended had a very enjoyable evening.

OPEN HEARTH.

The Christmas and New Year's festivities were duly celebrated at the Open Hearth and will be long remembered by those present as among the most enjoyable seasons ever spent by them. The Christmas reception and children's festival gave opportunity for those who are interested in the work to become acquainted with those who have received the benefits of the Mission, and the feeling of love and interest, and the bonds of sympathy were greatly increased and strengthened. The services on the last evening of the old century were commenced at 8 o'clock, and continued with an intermission of an hour until the commencement of 1901. All present renewed their determination to lead better lives in the future.

Superintendent Miller delivered addresses appropriate to the occasion.

The number coming to the Open Hearth at the present time is very large and the reading room is filled both afternoon and evening. The services are attended by a congregation which fills the service room and deep interest prevails. Many are coming forward for prayers at each meeting and men are showing in a practical way the change wrought in their feelings and lives.

Superintendent Miller is at his office each morning from 9 to 11 and in the evening from 7 to 10 to receive those who wish to consult him and numerous are the calls for his advice and help.

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The months of November and December were very busy ones—many coming to us needing help.

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Christmas day was an especially happy day as many of our girls were able to be with us. It is a real "home" coming to them. We had a company of eighteen at dinner. In the evening we had our Christmas tree and a delightful time was enjoyed by all. Gifts were distributed and a very pleasing entertainment was given by friends.

Miss Hadley has returned to her home in Indiana.

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WOMAN'S WORK

FLASH LIGHTS FROM THE 27TH ANNUAL CONVENTION, W. C. T. U., AT WASHINGTON.

The decorations in Lafayette Opera House were elaborate and beautiful. On the stage were pyramids of palms, vases of yellow chrysanthemums and amid twining vines and flowers, the pictured face of our "promoted leader" Frances Willard.

Miss Willard had expressed the hope that the last national convention of the century be held in the nation's capital.

Mrs. Stevens said in her address: "When we met here before, nineteen years ago, there were no compulsory temperance educational laws; now they exist in every state save Georgia and Utah, also in the territories and the District of Columbia. Then temperance was not systematically taught in the Sunday school; now there are quarterly temperance lessons as a part of the international lesson system.

"Since 1881 eight round-the-world missionaries have gone out to carry the gospel of temperance, as we understand it, to all people in all lands. When we were here before, the beloved, honored, gracious president of the world's W. C. T. U. was unknown to us. Let us at this hour send across the ocean to Lady Henry Somerset an expression of our loving loyalty.

"The Temperance Hospital, now called the Frances E. Willard National Temperance Hospital, is demonstrating that disease can be cured without the use of alcohol. This hospital is well officered and is in a prosperous condition.

"Since May 1, 1900, the national headquarters of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union have been in 'Rest Cottage,' Evanston, Ill., the home of Frances Willard. The half of the house formerly owned by Mrs. Mary Willard, is used for the offices, while the "home half" is kept intact and all expenses met by Miss Gordon. Fully two thousand persons have called upon us there, from this land and lands beyond the sea."

One thousand new unions were organized during the year. A colored territorial union was organized in Indian Territory.

The W. C. T. U. has followed the flag into Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Philippine Islands. The net gain of new members has been 14,207.

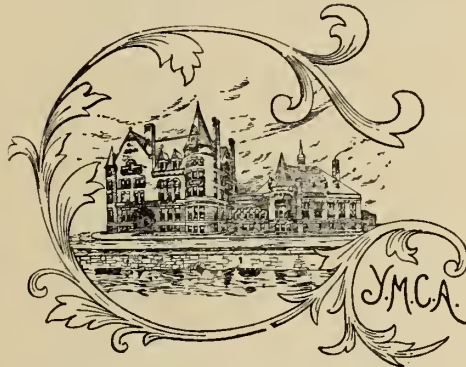
Work among the young women is on the up grade and the days are full of promise.

The reception given by President and Mrs. McKinley to the convention and its friends was said by the Washington papers to be one of the most interesting held in the White House for some time. Music was furnished by the Marine band. Each national officer and member of the executive committee was presented by name and then passed into the Blue Room where they stood behind the receiving party, a

privilege only extended to distinguished guests. At the last Mrs. McKinley with gracious and kindly words requested that the bouquet of American Beauty roses which she held be given Mrs. Stevens.

WOMAN'S WORK NOTES.

The place of the daughter in the home is as large or as small a place as she is able to make it. It is really a creative place, one in which she can be the brightest, happiest, most helpful influence in the home, or simply a partaker of the comforts and protection of the home, with no thought of any return on her part.—January Ladies' Home Journal.



YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

The new general secretary, Mr. Noel H. Jacks, arrived in Hartford December 29th, and immediately assumed charge of the work of the Hartford association. Mr. Jacks is a Californian, and has been engaged for thirteen years in the work of the Association on the Pacific coast.

The Sunday afternoon meetings held in the Hartford Opera House proved to be very successful, and the seven meetings were attended by nearly 6,000 men. The addresses were intensely spiritual and resulted in deepening the interest on the part of many men in the definite religious work of the Association. Beginning Sunday, January 13th, the meetings for men only will be conducted in the Association building. The best speakers obtainable will be secured to address the meetings and the song service which precedes the address will be made as attractive as possible.

A rally of active members is being planned for Monday, January 28th, and James A. Dummett of Massachusetts State Work, State Secretary Bates of Connecticut, and General Secretary Lotze of New Haven are expected to be present.

Two additional Bible classes will be commenced within a week. One will be a Workers' Training class, to be conducted by the general secretary, meeting on Friday evenings. All Christian young men who desire to prepare for definite Christian work are invited to join. The other will be an evangelistic Bible class and will be conducted by Mr. Sage, the assistant secretary, meeting on Sunday afternoons at the close of the men's meetings.

The Lecture and Entertainment Committee are busy preparing for a production of "Egypta," a beautiful Oriental entertainment which will be given at Parsons' Theatre February

18th and 20th, with a matinee in the afternoon of the 20th. This entertainment will illustrate in scenery, song and story the Biblical account of the life of Moses. Several hundred of Hartford's popular young people will participate in this entertainment.

The Junior department of the Hartford Association is building up very rapidly under the leadership of Mr. Willard Brown, Junior department secretary. Since the arrival of Mr. Jacks it has been arranged that Mr. Brown can give his entire time to this important department of the work.

Opposition to total abstinence and the work they try to do is founded more in ignorance than in malice. It behooves every total abstainer to know his ground well, to be thoroughly well acquainted with the many excellent reasons that exist for total abstinence, so as to be able to remove the prejudice that springs from ignorance.—Exchange.

The sign-board has long played a prominent part in the trade of the publican. Temperance caterers have not done much in this direction. In the early days of the "public house without the drink," the following lines were frequently met with—

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—The Quiver.



NOEL H. JACKS,

New Secretary of the Y. M. C. A.

"I am opposed to the saloon because the saloon is opposed to all that is heavenward reaching in men. I want men to have a chance to be noble and true, and the saloon removes that chance from many a man. This business has no right to exist because as an institution it puts a blight upon everything it touches. It demoralizes manhood, breaks up homes, sends forth childhood into the street to beg for a livelihood, and is the sworn foe of God's church."—Rev. A. N. Ward.



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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Miss J—Hartford:

A "Treatise on Melody" is published in Chicago by E. S. Metcalf & Co.

This is "a translation from the Italian of Antonio Reicha." Another work on melody, by Percy Goetschius, is published by Ditson of Boston.

The author says: "I have always feared that we harmony educators began in the wrong place; to give the pupil four voices to handle at the very start appeared too exacting. In consequence of a belief that Melody is the vital principle in music, and that command of the rules of melodic progression must give the student precisely what he most needs, I determined to go farther back than the elements of 'Harmony,' and give the student first of all a good thorough drill in the elements of Melody."

"The reasons for urging this course of drill upon the music student are two-fold: (1) because the prime object of all theoretical study in music is, or should be, to acquire a thorough apprehension of the laws of correct melody, for this paves the way to the easy reception of all other phases of musical discipline; (2) because all musical practice is the result of habit, and the forming and confirming of correct habits of melodic thought, early in life, prepares the student for an almost automatic respect of the fundamental laws of every style of musical composition and practice."

A WORD ABOUT TEACHING.

By Ernst Perabo.

Teachers are to a nation what roots are to the trees. They gather, from different sources, the nourishment suitable for their strength, form, and quality, imparting it to the remotest fibre in wise and proportionate quantities. In Nature this wonderful process goes on without interruption, without failure, without criticism. Can this be said of our educational machinery and its results? Are really great teachers wanted? Are they appreciated? Are we of sufficient earnestness to assist their important labors by upholding their standard and securing for them an enduring influence? Are we not ungrateful in allowing trivial, exciting, injurious matters to overshadow their advice, even removing them for younger men—often mere students—for the sake of change, or from social motives, that should have no voice in the sacred cause of a true education? When a large building is about to be erected, the workmen dig many feet below the surface to secure

a solid foundation. The builder must be reliable and responsible for every step taken until completion. Quite in contrast with this care, stands the treatment given to the moulding of the mind, that wonderful canopy of thought, whose illumined pathway becomes our future guide. No more serious task confronts a teacher, than the placing of important information accurately and wisely upon that tender, gentle, grateful, and sensitive Divine tablet, that silently directs decisions and events. The development of the mind requires slow growth, assisted by the warm sun of affection and guided by conservative teachers with honest and ideal conceptions, who understand how to so load its precious cargo that it may not shift during life's tempestuous vicissitudes. The old masters have furnished, for this great end, not only the solid food but also the choicest delicacies, and have done this so lavishly that all great composers subsequently have drawn upon their immortal treasury. Beautiful piano playing is a great art, to which people bring various qualifications. To gather these into one method is not possible and the teacher must be guided by individual conditions. Certain methods have become "fads," which belittle both the pupil and the teacher, leading more to business and "standing," than to the truth and understanding. Moderate practice, with care and thought, is preferable to close application or from six to twelve hours a day, as some late teachers are advocating. As the first and gentle pressure gives the richest wine, so the highest information is most deeply rooted when quarried for without great strain or fatigue. The groove of a correct habit is a graceful, poetic mould, gradually and lovingly shaped, not, like a hole, to be dug and hammered out mechanically. It is not well to put pupils back, owing to differing with previous advisors. When valuable information has already been gained, let us rather be grateful to those who have thus facilitated our labors.

Mr. Charles F. Lummis, editor of *Sunshine* at Los Angeles, Cal., says: "In our country there is now developing a kind of new morality, which appears to sanction anything, right or wrong, if only enough people do it." This remark certainly applies to the tempo, which is given to pieces in public. It is next to impossible to hear any standard work played in the proper tempo intended by the composer. The composition is sacrificed to please the public, which find it easier to see speed than to appreciate the full meaning. It is often done by great players, whose agents demand their currying favors with the masses, whom it is too difficult to instruct in the truth after a bad example of long standing. The proper tempo—even the Metronome marks are rarely correct—is the focus of the meaning in a work. It brings out clearly to intelligent listeners both the foreground and the background of the picture, and presents it with great care and with the aim to reveal as much as possible of it in a first hearing, which frequently is the only one that the many receive. When speed is king, beauty and depth are lost and the ideality of the composer is violated by the performer.—*Music Review*.

The Park church organ, as improved by the Austin Company, seems to give general satisfaction. One has to remember that it takes some time for

old and new work to season and come into sympathetic action before the best results can be obtained. The organ is all right.

Christ was tactful as well as truthful.

Only the brave and the true permanently help the race.



SYMPATHETIC PAINS.

Neuralgia is supposed to be a spontaneous pain in a nerve, a pain not due to any discoverable inflammation or other disease in that nerve. But it is probable that every neuralgia has its cause in actual disease or injury to the nerve in some part of its course, or else is one of the curious "reflex" or "sympathetic" pains excited by trouble in some other part of the body.

Sympathetic pains are often very deceptive. Not infrequently they lead even the most skilful physician into error, directing his attention away from the offending part toward some perfectly sound portion of the body.

A common example is seen in the case of hip disease, where the pain is almost always complained of, not in the hip where the inflammation is, but in the knee. In heart-tire, or dilated heart caused by overexertion, there may be quite sharp pain at the root of the neck on the left side, or in the left shoulder and extending down the left arm. A very common accompaniment of disease of the liver is pain at the tip of the right shoulder and beneath the right shoulder-blade.

The presence of pain in a definite place, but at a distance from the seat of disease, in the instances just mentioned, is so well known to physicians, that it is utilized in the diagnosis. A pain in the knee, for example, often serves to excite a suspicion of hip disease. But there are other times when the pains are erratic, and it is then that they cause confusion.

A decayed tooth may be the cause, not of a toothache, but of an earache. Again, it is not uncommon for a person with pneumonia or pleurisy to complain of pain in the side of the chest opposite that where the trouble is located. And nearly all of us have occasionally been surprised, when a finger or toe has been bruised to feel a momentary pain in the back of the head or over the brow.

Headache is a common form of sympathetic pain, being often caused by trouble in distant parts, as the stomach, the liver, or some other internal organ. One of the commonest causes of headache is eye-strain due to astigmatism, and in every case of frequent and persistent headache, especially in a child, the eyes should be examined by an oculist.

Sometimes remedies applied to the seat of a "sympathetic" pain will give relief, but oftener they will not, and it is only when the real trouble is discovered and treated that the pain is overcome.—*The Youth's Companion*.

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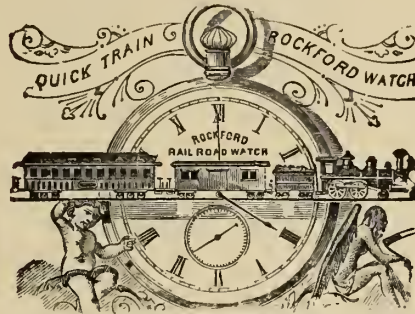


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In a compact two-page article, contributed to the January Review of Reviews, Mr. Edmund F. Merriam sets forth the main features in the foreign-missionary outlook for the twentieth century. It is significant that much stress is laid on the increasing responsibility of native Christians in missionary lands.

Scribner's Magazine has many projects for the year 1901 and several of the most important have their beginning in the number for January, which has just been issued.

With the January number *Modern Culture* drops the old name, "Self-Culture," from its title page and cover and takes its rightful place among the leading literary magazines of the country.

Together with a mass of other interesting domestic details appearing in the January *Delineator*, that issue contains an article on Mexican candies.

A notable article by the editor in the January number of *The Century Magazine* is highly eulogistic of the late Charles Dudley Warner and evidences a sympathetic and appreciative acquaintance with his character and career.

In variety and worth of contents *McClure's Magazine* for January is notable, as well for literary merit and for art.

An article of unusual interest is that in *Ainslee's Magazine* for January on "Claus Spreckels—The Sugar King." For many reasons it is an article well worthy of careful reading and consideration.

Gold Seeking on the Dalton Trail. By Arthur R. Thompson. 352 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. Price \$1.50.

Mr. Thompson is well known as a resident of Hartford who has accompanied several important exploration parties, and who has done some literary work of more than ordinary merit.

In the present book, the experiences of the author while on a prospecting trip into Alaska and the Northwest Territory are woven into a story for boys. The two New England boys in the story were accompanied on their adventurous trip by their father and uncle. Their experiences were varied and exciting. The story is vigorous and

breezy, and is also instructive without being pedantic. The style is simple and smooth. We are enabled to reproduce on this page, through the courtesy of the publishers, one of the numerous excellent photographic reproductions which illustrate the book.

A Devout Bluebeard. By Marie Graham. 300 pages, 12 mo. New York: The Abbey Press. Price \$1.00.

This book reminds one strongly of the Knickerbocker "History of New York." There are only two noticeable differences even if one has been admitted into the field of classics. The present story deals with Chicago, and its satires are more harsh and its sarcasm more bitter.

It is supposed to be a truthful picture of the snobbery, the foibles of churches and the social machinery of the great Western metropolis. It would

and comprehensive biography of John Wesley, one of the founders of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Songs of All the Colleges. 218 pages, square 8 vo. New York: Hinds and Noble. Price \$1.50.

An excellent compilation by David B. Chamberlain of Harvard, and Karl P. Harrington of Wesleyan, of the words and music of all the favorite and popular songs of "all the colleges." Many new verses are added to old favorites. The book should be a delight to every college graduate or lover of college glee songs.

"Hoch Der Kaiser." By A. McGregor Rose. 30 pages, 16 mo. New York: The Abbey Press. Price 50 cents.

Many will remember this famous poem whose recital some months ago by a captain in the American navy, at



PYRAMID HARBOR.—Pyramid mountain in the distance.

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require experience to verify the author's testimony, but as it is, the book is decidedly amusing and laughter provoking. It is written in a vigorous and convincing style.

Love Letters of a Violinist. By Eric Mackay. 219 pages, 32 mo. New York: Doxey's, Publisher. (For sale in Hartford at Belknap and Warfield's.)

This collection of poems was noticed in the December number of *The Review*. The present edition is a cheaper one published in paper, cloth and leather bindings at 25, 50 and 75 cents, respectively. The poems are beautiful, well worth reading, and are likely to become more famous than they are now.

John Wesley. By Frank Banfield. 128 pages, 32 mo. Boston: Small, Maynard & Company. Price 75 cents.

This is one of *The Westminster Biographies* in which the publishers are making distinct contributions to biographical, religious and historical literature. The present book is especially valuable. It gives a short, concise

a banquet, nearly embroiled the United States with Germany. The poem is decidedly humorous in its satire of the German Emperor. It is here artistically produced, accompanied by appropriate and clever illustrations.

The Complete Palmist. By "Niblo." 184 pages, square 8 vo. New York: A. Mackel & Co. Price \$1.50.

Anyone interested to any degree in palmistry, cheirognomy and similar subjects, will find much food for thought, study and investigation in this book. In the plainest language and with numerous and interesting illustrations, is given minute instructions as to the meaning of every variation of form in hand or fingers, as well as the lines on both. The science of palmistry is here made simple for anyone taking it up either for profit or amusement.

The Girl Without Ambition. By Isabel Stuart Robson. 267 pages, 12 mo. New York: Cassell & Co. Price \$1.25.

An entertaining story for girls. The heroine is Kathleen Quested, a sweet

and lovable character. Her friends complained that she had not ambition enough, but the time came when she proved that they had been mistaken in her. She came to the front when needed, and nobly bore the burdens placed upon her shoulders. The scenes and characters in the story are well depicted.

The Little Boy Who Lived on the Hill. By "Annie Laurie." 80 pages, 4 to. New York: Doxey's. Price \$1.00.

A sub-title describes this as "a story for wee bits of tykes," and in estimating its value it may be further described as one of the most clever, witty and generally charming books for little folks of from four to six, that has been published. The demand for this book, and its steady sale since its not very recent publication, is evidence of its popularity. "Annie Laurie's" real name is Winifred Black. The book is appropriately illustrated by Swinerton.

ner, Publisher. Price \$1.00.

These are verses expressing good will for use upon various occasions—New Year's, Christmas, birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, farewells and so on. They are not of a very high degree of literary merit, but have much suggestive value, and as a book it would undoubtedly be of usefulness on many occasions.

Stories of Famous Songs. By S. J. Adair Fitzgerald. 2 vols. 245 and 248 pages, 16 mo. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Co. \$3.00 per set.

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the ones better illustrative of the poet's peculiar trend.

Connecticut has a goodly representation among the poets chosen. Among these are Annie Ehot Trumbull, who is not known so generally as a writer of verse, as she is for her short stories and novelties; Richard Burton, Charles F. Johnson and Frances Louisa Bushnell.

The volume is a large one, beautifully bound and printed, and edited and compiled in an able manner and with a critical judgment worthy of highest praise.

L'Aiglon. By Edmond Rostand. Translated by Louise N. Parker. 262 pages, 8 vo. New York: K. H. Russell. Price \$1.50.

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The volumes are beautifully illustrated, in half-tone and photogravure, and will be valued by everyone whether interested to any degree in music or not.

An American Anthology. By Edmund Clarence Stedman. 848 pages, crown 8 vo. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price \$2.50.

The author, who, because of the vocation he has now retired from, has been called "the Banker-Poet," has for a long time devoted himself to the consideration and study of the poetry and poets of Great Britain and our own country. The results in part are shown in his books "A Victorian Anthology," "Victorian Poets," "The Poets of America" and the present work "An American Anthology." This is not merely an unusual work, but it is an important and a great one.

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ble and beautiful lines and passages are numerous and arouse sympathy. The book itself, finely illustrated and bound, is a marvel of beauty and artistic tastefulness.

The publisher also issues a handsome souvenir called "Maude Adams in L'Aiglon," containing half-tone reproductions of photographs of scenes from the play.

Visiting the Sin. By Emma Rayner. 448 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Small, Maynard & Co. Price \$1.50.

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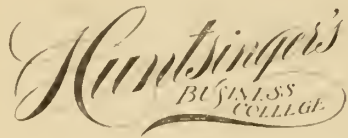
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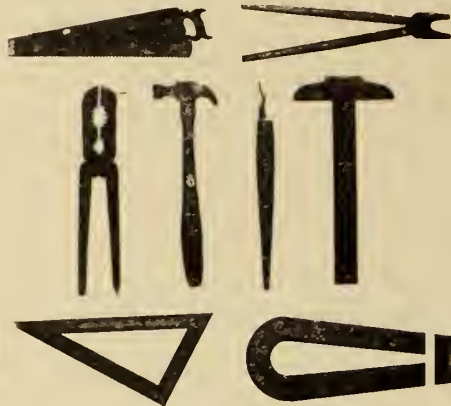
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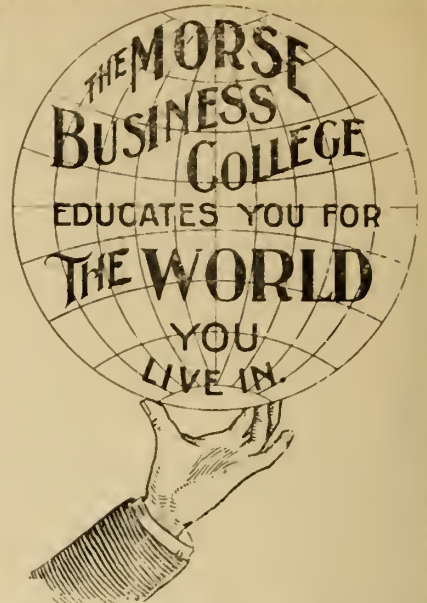
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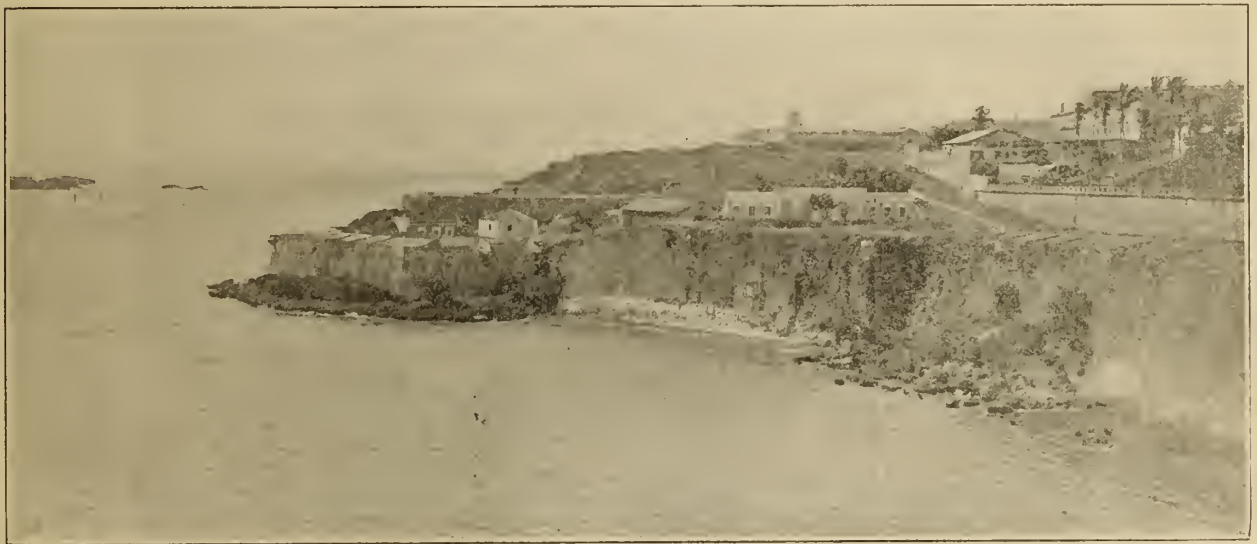
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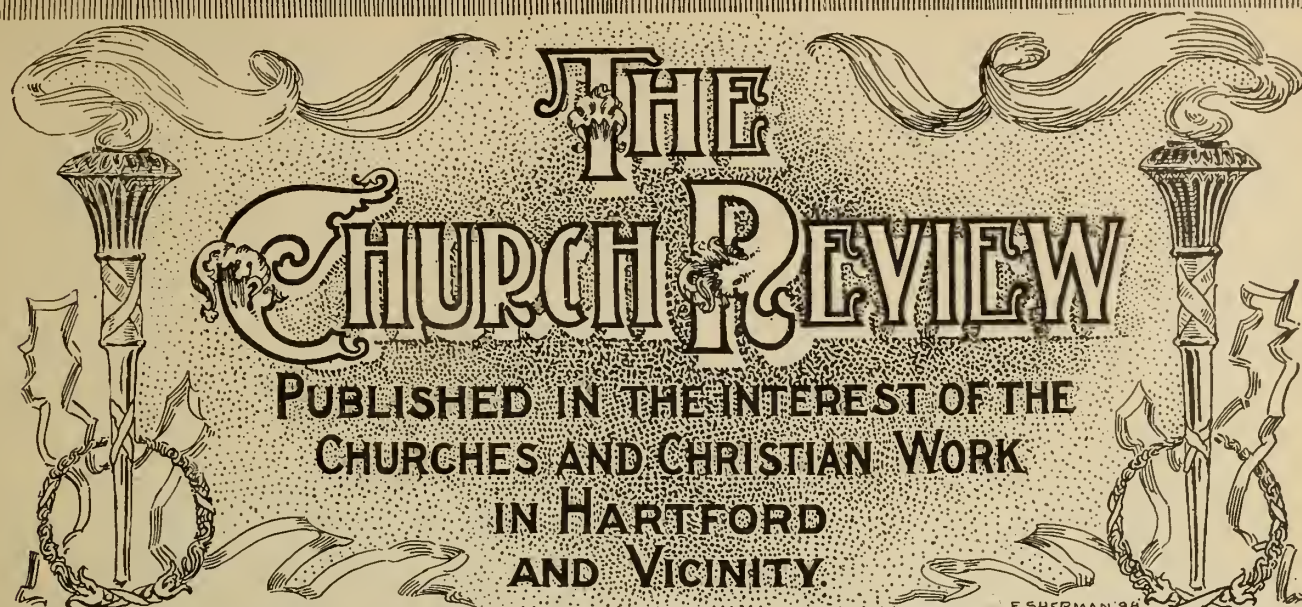
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THE RESPONSE FROM THE PEWS.

By Rev. David Dana Marsh.

Preachers are drawing with all their might. With many of them it is "draw or leave." The church was founded on the giving plan, there was grace for the guilty, and help for the needy. But under modern civilization many churches are run on the suction principle. They want "the people"; they want institutional success; they want supporters; they want "pillars"; they want a tremendous lot of them, and a tremendous lot of churches want the same thing. But, in the conceit of human nature, it has never occurred to the average congregation that the pews should do a part of the drawing, that, if they lived up to the demands they

put upon their preachers, churches would not need "drawing" preachers any more than a free lunch needs an auctioneer.

Letting the panting preachers rest for awhile, it may be opportune to ask the pews what are the present-day qualities of a drawing church.

The present day asks of the pews an eloquent hearing of the gospel message. Preaching is a double act, it requires a silver tongue and rapt attention. There is eloquent hearing as well as eloquent preaching. An appreciative listener is the preacher's inspiration. The reason why the minister is "dull" is often because he has dull hearers. There must be two sets of action for the accomplishment of that Divine art called "eloquence." The lighter force, the keen attention, the changing hues flashing in the eyes, the soul all afire with the subject, these silent forces in the hearer are the very vitals of effective preaching. The audience is simply a harp for the preacher to play upon—what if half the strings are out of tune or broken! A discerning preacher, when he sets out, looks around to discover his "audience"—that is, the receptive and responsive souls present. He beholds the statues who are in their accustomed places; those dozed in far-away dreams, wearing the expression of statuesque idiocy; those who are enjoying an intellectual map with open eyes; those preoccupied with idols left behind; those in the church of prejudice; he passes these all by at the outset as no part of his real "audience," and searches out the lighted souls who plainly indicate that they are all ready for the business in hand; and, as one after another of the above "absentees" put a light in their window, he comes to them with his message, and rejoices in spirit. Preaching is a most delicate art, a most skilful play on the deeper motives and the finer sensibilities of the soul.

It is oftentimes a dead-lift of the dead; for the preacher must first arouse the jaded senses of those who seem to have fallen into a holy catalepsy, and then he must create a relish for the very thing he has to present. He must give morality to that which

is time-worn; he must make that which is naturally distasteful seem attractive; he must make surgery interesting to its subject! And in many respects preaching has become increasingly difficult at the present day. The erratic, reasonable and otherwise, and of all sizes, flourishes in the land, and when he hears a sermon he is twice as likely to unravel it as he is to get himself converted. In this progressive age the same adjective ("smart") serves for the preacher of the gospel and a mustard plaster, and a rising generation is growing up on what is called "candidating"—a prostitution of the pulpit on the people's part to the methods of the race course, and a demoralizing culture of personal conceit on the preacher's part. The pews must "respond"; they must play their part; they must have teachable, arousable souls; or else preaching is a burlesque, and is hopeless as sweeping against the wind. And any preacher who asks such "eloquent" hearing for his own personal hobbies and fancies, instead of the real message of God, deserves to be sent on a mission to a congregation of stone statues.

The present day asks of the pews an example of Christian living which confirms the preacher's message.

The miracle of the twentieth century is a constant life, the strongest present-day argument for Christianity. Christ deemed His disciples "the light of the world." Business men note their dealings, gossips put the magnifying glass on their conduct. The secret spring of disbelief and of the sneer at the church is the real or fancied meanness of some member. The pews must confirm the truths preached in the pulpit, or else this practical age will have little respect for the message. Whitfield said that he would rather have a church with ten men in it right with God, than one with 500 at whom the world laughs in its sleeve.

The pews furnish samples of the work of the gospel, and, if their lives point like the spirit of the church toward Heaven, the world can not withstand the argument.

The present day asks of its pews a loyal recognition of the pastor's leadership. He is both a teacher and a shepherd.

herd of the flock. He should have the oversight, lay plans, suggest policies; and, if he is not capable of doing this wisely, then a leader should be found who is capable of it.

Many of our churches are suffering from the dry rot of "the vote of the majority," which turns them into venerable museums of the past, or gives them over to the jungles of parties. They need the touch of a shepherd's hand, the counsels of a leader, without which they are merely religious mobs—all the more dangerous because of conscientiousness. What victorious regiment would think of dispensing with a commanding officer. As a matter of fact the "great and successful" churches are under marked leadership.

Given a pastor who is clearheaded, has good sense and much grace, is dexterous and tactful, and is not (as Artemas Ward said of Napoleon) "a man who tries to do too much—and does it," and he will bear being given the reins.

The present day asks the pews to assume responsibility for "the success of the enterprise." Every local church is an "enterprise" which has financial, and social, and geographical factors to face in the great competitions of life.

Many communities are overloaded with churches which stand as monuments of some ancient faction or misdirected zeal. A large proportion of the churches are today facing the problem "to sink or to swim" in some form or other.

As in the industrial world, "the fat kind are eating up the lean kind." It is pitiful to see some old and once prosperous church drop out of the race! The discerning ones are now flying under cover of an endowment. With some churches the problem is a yearly scramble for solvency; with some the maintenance of social position; with some to compete with a rival near-by; with some to keep on growing in unconscious senility; with some to keep up the din for that often-mentioned species called "the people."

There is a deal of human nature in church management, and the strain in these religious enterprises increases in this competitive age. The real aim is too often to find some pastor who has the God-given knack of winning the race. Now, with all this current of fluctuating elements coursing around church enterprises, some as irresistible as fate, is it not simply cruel to hold the pastor responsible for the "success" of the enterprise? It is this responsibility which saps the blood and nerves of the pastor, and it is cowardly for a congregation to roll it so entirely upon his heart. To stand back and say to the pastor with all pious verbiage of "call" and "settlement" torn aside, "we expect you to make the thing hum," is simply absurd. Any decent partnership expects to share the responsibility of the success of the enterprise.

In the foregoing reflections I have been prompted by the desire that the great responsibilities of the church should be more justly evened up. It is good sometimes to get an inside look with an outside eye—"O woe some power the giftie gie us, To see ourselves as ithers see us."

We seem to be now passing through a transition period which lays unjust burdens on the pastor, but time and sense will surely correct all these disparities.

O, there are so many "present day demands" on both the pulpit and the pews! I have seen one ideal pastor, and while my surprised eyes were fastened upon him, and I hastened to make a tabernacle for him, he vanished out of my sight. I am still looking for an ideal response from the pews.

Yet, after serving one church twenty years, and another eleven years, and now beginning with a third, I can say in the sweetest and most kindly spirit that, though the "responses" have not been perfect on either side, in the words of a certain book title "Happy Though Married," I have been happy though in the ministry.

PORTO RICO. A NEW PEARL OF THE ANTILLES.

Where shall we go to escape the harsh weather of the winter months? Every autumn is heard this query, and year by year a greater number of people struggle with the question, seeking a refuge from pneumonia, grip and other deadly illnesses which steal in, like a thief in the night, each season claiming fresh victims. It is a puzzle not easy of solution, rain and malarial damp being the price too often paid for mild temperature, with the result of physical depression and loss of strength. But in the acquisition of Porto Rico, a new "Pearl of the Antilles," by the United States, an opportunity is offered, new scenes and country opened up, and an almost perfect winter resort without the drawbacks of many others, awaits only the rapid development sure to follow the touch of American capital and energy, under practical American rule. Within a year from the time when this glorious island became a colony of the United States, new and fast American-built steamers were ready, not only to take passengers to and from Porto Rico, but around the island and to every port of interest. Leaving New York, steaming down the harbor on a commodious and sturdy ship, out through the Narrows, where frowning shores are grim with giant batteries, past that low line of sand which, with innocent seeming, conceals a powerful defence, one feels a thrill of the pride of possession as he realizes that he is leaving behind him the mainland of a great nation, and, with the American flag at the fore as well as the peak, is bound for another land where, by the magic of a summer's night, his feet will light upon what is still that nation's soil.

"Puerto Rico!" The Gate of Wealth! fittingly named. Rich in health, in happiness, and rich in possibilities. She lies at ease, cradled in summer seas, fanned by unfailing winds, a very pearl.

In less than two days from port winter clothing becomes oppressive, and, by the moderate temperature, the drifting seaweed, the long, slow swing of the waves, a traveler knows that he is riding the waters of the wonderful Gulf Stream, well out at sea, so far from shore that he is safe from the rough weather and treacherous storms which sweep the coast. Presently the sea takes on a deeper hue: little swift birds appear; the waters are skimmed by flying fish, silver white in the southern sun; awnings are spread to screen the ardent rays of noon; the placid days slip by in restful succession, happy in the pleasant life

"board ship," and the cry of "Land ho!" on the morning of the fifth day out from shore, comes all too soon.

First a long, low line, misty upon the ocean's rim, then hills emerge, and valleys are seen between. A little nearer and "El Morro" rises, stately and serene, strong in its position of natural advantage, and looking calmly down upon the ships which, presently slips past its coral feet and sails into the smiling harbor it guards so well—the land-locked harbor of San Juan. Fortunately for Spain, the importance of Porto Rico in the archipelago of which it is a part, heretofore has been somewhat overlooked, the superior size of Cuba giving to it a prestige not altogether deserved, in the light of which the value of the smaller, but richer, more healthy and cooler island has been lost to view. Lying, as does Porto Rico, on the other side, forming the end of the chain, its position is one of superior advantage. Swept by soft and cool trade winds, its temperature knows but little variation, averaging about 85 degrees. The nights are cool and among mountain resorts blankets are comfortable.

Porto Rico was discovered by Columbus, November 16, 1493, during his second voyage to America. Coasting along the shore in need of water, he landed at Aguadilla, and from the bountiful supply there filled his casks. A cross marks the spot where his boat's keel touched the shore and is one of the objects of interest. Legend tells that the peaceful people fled in terror when they saw the ship.

It was, however, to Ponce de Leon, then governor of the island of Hispanola, now known as Hayti, that Porto Rico owes its introduction to the civilized world. Possessed with a spirit of adventure, and in search of the realization of twin dreams, the fountain of perpetual youth, and gold, in 1509 he visited the island, then known as existing, but unexplored. The native tribes made him welcome and willingly laid at his feet the wealth he sought; but the fountain of perpetual youth is still to be found. Quaint and artless were the natives found by the explorer. They were peaceable and child-like. So temperate was the climate that clothing was unknown, but their bodies were decorated with intricate designs. Upon their heads were feather crowns of brilliant hues, and discs of gold, shells and gaudy stones hung from their ears and noses and shone upon their breasts. Polygamy was a practice, and when a man died his beloved wives were buried with him. Their arms were the bow and arrow; they had canoes made from huge trees, and they spent their lives in indolent content, subject willingly to hereditary chiefs and their wise or medicine men. Returning to Hayti, Ponce de Leon fitted out an expedition, fell upon the island, killed all he could, and carried away many as slaves to work in the mines of Hayti. As in Mexico, the natives believed the invaders to be immortal; enfeebled by superstition, their weak resistance was soon overcome and practically they were exterminated.

In 1511 was founded the city of San Juan; and upon the shore, at a moderate elevation overlooking the narrow entrance and the quiet bay, was built the "Casa Blanca," a palace for the governor, Ponce de Leon; it is still one of the finest buildings seen after the Morro is passed and the steamer

is within the shelter of the bay. Shortly after, the first batteries of what is now a powerful fort were placed. First Spain sent a few guns, then she sent money for fortifications, then was built the Morro. Later came more guns, but never has it had the full armament for which it was designed; its strength, however, together with the natural position of the city, was sufficient to make impregnable the capital city of the island, San Juan. Again and again was it attacked by regularly equipped fleets from England, under Sir Francis Drake and others, and by pirates and independent expeditions. The city was sacked and burned, but never taken; and its patriotic inhabitants claim that, in the recent war, if the campaign had not

ings of the essentially foreign city of San Juan and Stars and Stripes fluttering in the gentle wind. The city is quaint and pretty, lying white and picturesque beneath the tropic sun. The bay is covered with a multitudinous fleet of felucca-like boats, skimming under their one odd sail. Fruit vendors scull swiftly to and fro; ships ride at anchor on every side; army and navy launches go scudding by, and the whole is a scene of activity and light.

Once in the city the southern charm grows fast. Its thirteen streets are laid out at right angles and with perfect system; never was a city wherein it is so easy to find one's way. Drifting through its streets, its 30,000 inhabitants are a constantly changing kaleidoscope of humanity. Quaint

land are municipal buildings, beautiful and well built; overlooking the harbor is the palace, Santa Catalina, the finest building on the island, capable of being a palace indeed; and, near them all, that other church, rich in historic interest, which General Brooke seized to prevent its sale by Spain, so keeping a considerable sum of money on the island.

Gently upward from the water's edge the city slopes, spreading to right and left, to where, upon the heights, twin forts guard the approaches by land and sea and overlook the harbor. One, El Morro, already seen towering above the entrance to the port from the land side, is a long, low line, separated from the city by a grassy plane. The other, San Cristobal, gray and grim, faces



SAN CRISTOBAL, SAN JUAN, PORTO RICO.

been interrupted by the protocol, never would have been taken, at least not without a loss incalculable in time and men, such is its natural strength and the problem of difficulty it presents. Many times in its history has the "Merrimac" incident of Santiago been enacted, and the narrow and awkward entrance to its harbor blocked to invaders by a ship sunk in the channel. These tactics have stood it in good stead, and in the summer of 1898 a series of wrecks were sunk so as to make a barrier impassable—wrecks, some of them still visible, through which a ship must thread its way, slowly and with care, to its anchorage in the placid bay beyond.

Most strange it seems, lying in the harbor, strange and yet most gratifying, to see from the forts and build-

shops line the way; brown babies roll under foot; nimble ponies trot swiftly by with the easy rocking gait, and great bullocks slowly draw their loads, unconscious alike of their power and that finer cattle than they exist nowhere.

Up San Justo street, through Fortaleza or San Francisco streets, into the Plaza goes the wayfarer, and he is in the heart of the city, in the Plaza, so beloved of citizens of Spanish towns, where everything occurs, where every Sunday and Thursday evenings a band plays, the American military and native bands alternately, and every one goes to listen, gossip and stroll up and down. Near by is the cathedral; not far the church of San Domingo, still bearing scars inflicted by American shells; on either

both outward and inward, controlling the harbor and the main land; for San Juan is an island divided from the main body by a short, swift river, spanned by a bridge superbly constructed, the bridge of San Antonio. To visit the forts permission must be obtained from the military commander of the district; but a personal application is, as a rule, all that is necessary, and the effort is well repaid. The forts are fine specimens of their kind and even in the face of modern guns and despite their age and imperfect equipment, present a problem of defence difficult to estimate.

From the heights of San Cristobal the city is seen in panorama, the landlocked bay, and low, broad plains, watered by a myriad streams, stretching away to the south to the foot of

the distant hills. Days full of charm are those spent within the walls of "La Capital." There and elsewhere hotels are to be found, but travelers desiring a greater degree of comfort than can be afforded by the present resources of the island, will find excellent quarters on the steamers while journeying along the coast and stopping at the ports of the various cities and towns which are points of interest to be visited.

Leaving San Juan by the coastwise steamers "Longfellow" or "Porto Rico," the first stop is made at Arecibo, where, in small boats, through the beating surf of this difficult port, a landing full of excitement and adventure may be made; to find presented to view a scene different, but no less pleasing, than that of the principal city. A squalid, but well-built,

summit, a mile or so away. Between the two is the one tramway granted to the island under Spanish rule, and the whole is easily seen. Around the Plaza centers the interest; a fine church facing one side, with municipal buildings opposite and, in the center, on an ornate and imposing base, a fine bronze of Columbus, poised upon a bronze world supported by carved stone heads of wild animals, in an attitude both of dignity and grace, upholding the flag of Spain.

From Mayaguez a little way, and the old and almost deserted port of Guanica is passed; a perfect harbor, which is historic as the landing place in 1899 of the invading American army, and destined to be of considerable importance in years to come.

Beyond is Ponce, covering more ground than San Juan, commercially

but all wild, no effort at cultivation ever having been made, and modern methods of handling being unknown. A vast opening here for capital and experience. Irrigation, except around Ponce, is known only in its natural form, and great valleys, eminently suited to the growth of sugar, lie unused; the necessary water, plenty and at hand, awaiting only skilled manipulation and an equal distribution.

Upon the mountain sides grows coffee of a high degree of excellence, fine in quality, affording several varieties, all, from the coarsest to the finest, known as the "Pearl," being unparalleled in flavor. For many years this coffee has commanded fancy prices in Europe, where the entire crop has eagerly been taken; before long it will need the skill and science of modern method to achieve the best



LA MARINA, SAN JUAN, PORTO RICO.

city is Arecibo, within whose limits for the first time will be seen the people of the island as they are when remote from the influence of the distinctly Spanish city of San Juan.

Further, on an open roadstead, is Aguadilla. Quaint and picturesque, it lies within touch of the breaking surf. Down from the hills beyond rushes the sparkling stream which brought joy to the heart of Columbus, which, in the pretty "Plaza de la Fuente," is caught and tamed to flow in a fountain of health and comfort for both man and beast. Strolling about, the simple lives of simple people lie disclosed, and the camera may carry away scenes at once strange and charming.

A little further south and Mayaguez is reached; a beautiful city, third on the island in size and consequence. As is usual in Porto Rico, the city lies a little distant from the port; the latter on the water's edge at the foot of a hill, and the city at the

as active, numerically as strong, and also rating with the capital in importance. Here engineering skill and enterprise may one day do their part and, with breakwaters and piers, give to the city a harbor fully equal to that of San Juan. Then will the magnificent commercial possibilities of the city be at their best, her advantages as a place of residence be fully recognized, and the various health resorts, mineral springs and mountain facilities, which are near and easy of access, receive a perfect development. To reach the city proper, landing must be made at its port, La Playa, where centers much of the commercial interests of the city in solid warehouses and factories.

Across the broad acres of Porto Rico lie suggestions of any possibilities. Its wonderful fertility finds expression in an infinite variety of crops to be grown with success. Fruits of many kinds are found in profusion,

results.

Tobacco, as an industry, imported recently from Cuba and still in its infancy, has been and is a source of employment to hundreds, and of revenue to the courageous investors who first introduced and, by every practical and scientific method, constantly are improving the quality of their crop and the skill of its manipulation. These and other industries hold out promises. A little time, capital and skilled labor, these are the needs of our new possession, and she will bloom as a garden in midsummer for our delight.

As a health resort the prospect is not inferior to the industrial outlook. To an equal and agreeable climate are joined natural advantages of many kinds. Mineral springs but slightly understood, although of fine quality, lie among the hills; the sea is on every hand, and the temperate air, free from all sultry touch, fresh with perpetual cooling breezes, is grateful to tired or

delicate humanity, especially in seasons harsh and trying in less favored climates.

A brief and agreeable journey, comfort, health, happiness. All are to be found in a visit to the little island so recently torn from beneath its yoke of almost medieval tyranny. And if, in journeying thither, the traveler seeks an aim other than enjoyed and good health, by study of its possibilities and good use of the many flattering prospects ready to his hand, he will not meet with disappointment.

HE GOT IN.

A poor man who was looked upon as being very simple applied to a church whose membership was of what is called the wealthy class for admission as a member. He came before the appointed officers for examination.

As it was an aristocratic church, they did not like to accept him into membership, but, of course, they adopted the tactics of their class, and asked the poor, simple applicant if he was sure the Lord wanted him to become a member of the church. He replied that he was sure, as he had prayed over it for six months.

"Well," they said, "better pray over it three months longer, and see what the Lord wants you to do."

He assented, and at the end of three months he applied again.

The officers asked him if he was still of the same mind. He said, "Yes." They asked him also if he had asked the Lord about it. He said he had. Then they asked him what the Lord said to him.

The poor, simple applicant replied: "He told me not to be offended with you, brethren, for He himself had been trying for the past twelve years, since the church was built, to get in, but He had not succeeded yet."

He was dressed like a farmer, and he looked inquiringly at the clerk behind the counter of the chief post-office, and pointed pantomimically to a bundle of letters the latter was sorting.

"What name?" asked the clerk.

"Louder," said the farmer.

The clerk repeated his query in a tone calculated to startle even a dead man. But the man only smiled an unmeaning smile, and said: "Louder."

The clerk took a long breath, and the yell that came out was loud enough to wake the dead.

"No offence, sir, I hope? Yes, that's my name — Louder, sir."

"Oh, ah!" said the clerk quite softly. "I never thought of that. Yes, here's a letter." — *Collier's Weekly*.

"Would you oblige me," said the reporter, "by telling me what book has helped you most in life?"

And after a pause the great man answered:

"My bank-book."

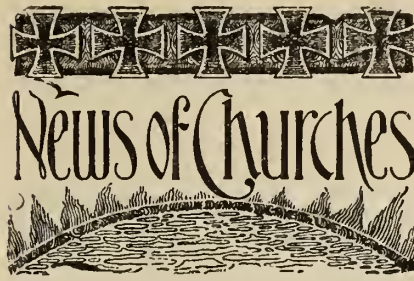
First Youngster: "Does the train stop here long enough to let you get something to eat?"

Second Youngster: "No; just long enough to let you pay for what you order."

Little Lettie: "Will I ever grow to be as large as you are?"

Mamma: "I expect so."

Little Lettie: "And will I talk, talk, all the time, too, the same as you do?"



ASYLUM AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

The "Mission Band" as an organization is dissolved by a vote of its members, in favor of a projected union with the other young people's missionary societies of the church. It is hoped the change will tend to mutual strength and increased interest.

Last Friday was an interesting occasion at the chapel, enjoyed by seventy-five or more of the congregation. It was the reading of the church and Sunday school annual histories. The ladies of the entertainment committee prepared a delightful supper at six o'clock to which all the congregation was bidden.

The prospect is that quite a large company will enter the membership of the church at the March communion.

The Teachers' club held a meeting on Monday evening, Feb. 11, at 6 o'clock in the chapel.

ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL.

The bishops confirmed a class of twenty-two Sunday, Feb. 3. The church was crowded, with chairs in the aisles.

The rector's reception on Thursday, the girls' friendly reception on Friday, Feb. 14, have made a bright and sociable week.

A Brotherhood of St. Andrews is to be organized in the church.

WEST HARTFORD CONGREGATIONAL.

The central section of the Hartford Christian Endeavor Union met Wednesday evening, January 2, in our church.

On Friday evening, Jan. 18, the Men's Union held a meeting in the chapel. The feature of the evening was a debate upon the question:

"Resolved, that municipal ownership of public service systems would promote the best interests of the people." At the close refreshments were served.

Sunday morning, Jan. 20, the Rev. Edward Hawes, of Hartford, spoke in behalf of the National Council of the Ministers Relief Fund.

A union missionary meeting was held Sunday evening, Jan. 20, in place of the regular Christian Endeavor meeting. The pastor led the service.

The "North" section of our society invited us to meet with them on Friday evening, Feb. 1. Quite a number from our society attended and we had a very interesting meeting.

"Christian Endeavor Day" was suitably observed by our society. Five of our associate members decided, at that time, to become active workers and we also received one new active member.

The Sunday school has been reorganized and classed under the following departments: Primary, junior, intermediate, senior and adult. It is

thought that under this arrangement there would be a better classification of scholars, a better adaptation of teachers to classes and more efficient work throughout the school.

WETHERSFIELD METHODIST.

The young people of the South Park church, Hartford, are going to give an entertainment, for our benefit, at Grange hall, Wednesday evening, Feb. 13.

The entertainment consists of vocal and instrumental music, recitations, readings, etc.

The young people of Hartford have given us entertainments before, which were fully appreciated. We hope to give them a hearty welcome this time.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER.

The Young People's Guild are to give a course of lectures on "Twentieth Century Subjects," by four prominent Hartford men. These lectures are to be given on four consecutive Tuesday evenings—commencing February 19.

The subjects are as follows: February 19, "The Dowager Empress and the Boxers," by Rev. J. H. Roberts, missionary to China; February 26, "The Surplus of Opportunity in America," Mr. Edmund Hudson, chief editor of the Hartford Times; March 5, "Ballot Reform at the Dawn of the Century," Mr. Chas. H. Keyes, principal of the South school; March 12, "The Making of a Newspaper," Mr. Chas. Hopkins Clark, editor of the Hartford Courant.

These lectures are on excellent subjects and will be very interesting and instructive.

ST. PAUL'S METHODIST

The fourth quarterly conference of the church was held by Rev. J. E. Adams of New Haven, presiding elder, Saturday evening, February 2.

Dr. Adams preached in the church Sunday morning, February 3.

Fred Nelson, of 315 New Park avenue, a member of Miss F. E. Potter's Sunday school class and an excellent young man, was struck by a locomotive and killed instantly at the Hamilton street crossing Saturday evening, January 19.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Fothergill and family have removed to Cleveland, O.

NEWINGTON CONGREGATIONAL.

A bronze tablet, in memory of Mr. Robert Wells and family, has been placed on the wall of the church by Mr. Dudley Seymour of New York.

An exercise on China, prepared by the American board was used at the C. E. meeting on January 27. A collection was taken at this meeting and also in the Sunday school and sent to the American board to be used to replace our workers in China.

A very pleasant social and business meeting was held by the C. E. society on January 29.

The Church Aid society elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. Jedidiah Deming; vice-president, Mrs. Alfred B. Fish; secretary and treasurer, Miss Fannie A. Willes.

Rev. Herbert Macy and Mr. Joshua Belden were appointed delegates to the Congregational church in Southington to act upon the resignation of their pastor, Rev. Shepherd Knapp.

A number of our older members are confined to the house with colds and effects of the grip.

The W. C. T. U. are preparing for a medal contest in the near future.

Deacon and Mrs. Franklin Latimer have sold their house and farm and are spending the winter in Southern California with Mr. Chas. and Wm. Wells, formerly of Newington.

Our organist, Mrs. Ellen Deming, is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Daniel Clark, in East Haven.

Great sympathy is felt for the family of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Yeager. They have had sickness in the family for a month, and their little girl is very low with heart failure, following diphtheria. Prayers were offered in the church for her recovery.

TRINITY CHURCH.

Our rector, after an extended trip through the West during the past four weeks, is expected home the end of this week, to resume his duties Sunday, February 17.

The evening following, February 18, a reception will be given to him and Mrs. Miel in the parish house. Music and reading at 8 p. m.

During the rector's absence services have been conducted by Rev. Herman Lillenthal of Trinity college.

The Girls' Friendly Social held a sale in the parish house lately, assisted by the Trinity College Glee and Mandolin clubs.

Mite boxes for the Lenten offerings were distributed last Sunday.

Mr. Miel returns to Sunday school just as his assistant superintendent, Mr. Rees, leaves for a Southern business trip of four weeks.

While we miss Mr. Rees, when gone on these trips, we usually profit in the end, for he always returns with many valuable new ideas picked up at the various schools he visits before returning. We wish him a pleasant trip.

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL.

The annual meeting of this church was held in the chapel on January 31. Oliver H. Clark was re-elected clerk and Deacon H. E. Harrington treasurer; the former auditors and members of the city mission board were re-elected, as was also the church committee, with the addition of Dr. F. L. Lawton. Various reports were received and other routine business transacted and the meeting adjourned about 9 o'clock.

At the prayer meeting preceding the business meeting, Dr. Parker spoke feelingly of the life of the late Chas. Boardman, who passed away recently after having been for seventy-four years a member of this church.

The evening services in the church have been especially profitable of late. Dr. Parker delivered two sermons on the relation of God as "Father" to his earthly children, and, reciprocally, our relation to Him, and last Sunday evening his text was "Oh taste and see that the Lord is good." At the morning service, February 10, he preached on those who are "ever learning and never coming to a knowledge of the truth."

The Young People's meetings have been as follows: January 20, Willard E. Brown leader, subject, "Abiding Influence." January 27, a home missionary meeting in charge of the missionary committee. February 3, "In-

dividual work for Christ," led by Mr. Warren Seabury, of the Theological seminary, and February 10, "If Christ should come tomorrow," one of the most interesting topics on the program.

A gathering of the young people of the parish was held at the parsonage Saturday evening February 9 and steps were taken towards some future social gatherings, the first of which will be held in the chapel on the evening of the 16th inst. The Sunday school contributions for the present will be devoted to the Connecticut State Sunday School association.

The Sewing society has given a number of delightful teas lately and they have been much enjoyed by the friends of the society.

NORTH METHODIST.

The three societies of the church met Thursday evening, and by hard work thoroughly cleaned the Sunday school room, removing the carpets and having them cleaned and relaid, and now looks like new, which was thoroughly appreciated. Mr. Samuel H. Havens superintended the work. The Willing Workers' society provided the supper and a real good time was enjoyed by those present.

The Sunday school shows an increase and during the meetings which were held during the past few weeks helped with their presence in large numbers, which was much appreciated by the pastor.

Miss Annie Cairns, teacher in the Northeast school and teacher in the Sunday school, has been very sick during the past few weeks, but is now on the mend and has resumed her duties in the school.

The Rev. Joseph Irons, former pastor of the church, preached Sunday evening and a large audience greeted him. He is now in business in Atlanta, Ga.

SOUTH PARK METHODIST.

The young ladies of the W. H. M. S. gave a pink tea at the parsonage Feb. 4. Although the storm kept many at home, all who went passed a very pleasant evening.

February 20 Mrs. Jarley's wax figures will entertain in the chapel. A cordial welcome is extended to all.

February 3 we celebrate the twenty-fourth anniversary of Christian Endeavor, using the program arranged by Rev. Francis E. Clark for the occasion.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL — EAST HARTFORD.

At the missionary meeting this month Miss Hume, who is a native of India, and Miss Carswell, who is preparing to enter that field, gave extremely interesting talks on the country and the work, and Mr. Davis, also a student in the seminary, spoke.

Mr. Driggs gave another organ recital last month, assisted by Mr. Hawley, organist, and Miss Edith Miner. It was an excellent recital, perhaps the best of the series thus far. Miss Miner's singing was especially enjoyable.

Prof. A. R. Merriam has supplied the pulpit for two Sundays, during the indisposition of the pastor, giving us two very fine sermons.

Christian Endeavor day was celebrated by the society, the chapel being

prettily decorated, and the meeting conducted by the first president of our society, Deacon A. E. Kilbourne. The evening service was also arranged to contain the thought of the day, with special music and two speakers from Hartford Seminary.

An interesting feature of the day of prayer for colleges was a group of letters from the young people of the church and congregation away at school and college, eight or nine of them, and choice letters, too.

CITY MISSION SOCIETY.

Like many another good work, we find obstacles and difficulties in our way, but notwithstanding all this, the Morgan Street Sunday school meets as usual, and with a much larger attendance than is recorded heretofore at this time of the year.

The mission workers are greatly encouraged by the efficient and consecrated Christian service of Mr. Occupine, and Mr. Sprocco, for their countrymen, the Italians. These gentlemen spend all their time after working hours calling on their people and holding meetings every night in the week.

Saturday and Sunday night all are invited to prayer meetings at Morgan Street Mission, which are well attended. At the Sunday school we find these were ready to help in teaching classes, they go out into the streets to find for themselves. It is a great encouragement to find earnest Christians among the people who find it a privilege to do something themselves for Christ among those they know and understand so well.

WINDSOR CONGREGATIONAL.

The Ecclesiastical society have instructed their committee to obtain plans for a new parish house and have also appointed a committee to canvas for funds for the same.

Sunday evening, Feb. 3, a very interesting meeting was held in our church to celebrate the formation of the first Christian Endeavor society twenty years ago. An address was given by Rev. Mr. English, vice-president of the State union. Several were present from the societies in the north part of Hartford, and from the Poquonock society.

GLENWOOD CONGREGATIONAL.

The Ladies' Society gave a "Mystery" supper February 5. Quite a large number attended, to ascertain what they were to get. The mystery was what it is called in boarding houses and goes by the name of "Hash."

On Feb. 20 there is to be a concert under the auspices of the trustees. Knowing what kind of concerts they have given in the past, we look forward to this one with great anticipation. We would suggest that all who can attend this concert.

Our junior superintendent, Miss Sexton, has been ill for some time, but we are pleased to announce that she is improving and hopes to be among us soon.

It is very gratifying to see so many young people at our Endeavor meetings. We are always glad to see them, and trust they will be much benefited by attending.

In January we circulated some manuals and in them is printed the

motto adopted for this year. By a strange coincidence it is the same as the one of the C. E. Society, "For Christ and the Church." If there are any that have not received one of these please speak to the pastor. The ladies had the great pleasure of hearing Mrs. Willeston Walker on Feb. 1. Many were present.

The ladies are to send a "barrel" south soon. If there are any who have any clothing they would like to send, it would be very acceptable, and the same can be left at the parsonage.

Mrs. Robinson has gone to Washington to spend a few days.

Our sexton, Mr. Hitchcock, is visiting in Waterbury. On account of illness he could not return when expected.

On Feb. 10 we listened to a very able paper by Editor Kelley of the Post on "The Ideal Newspaper."

UNITY CHURCH.

In response to a very general request that he repeat the course of sermons on "Evolution" delivered in the winter of 1894, Mr. Waite has prepared a new course on the same subject, under the heading of the "Unending Genesis."

The first of this course was given on January 27, the subject being "Ideas of Primitive People About God." The second, on February 3, was on "Hypothesis of Creation." The third, on February 10, on "The Creation of the Heavenly Bodies." The course will be continued for several Sundays more.

The Sunday school has adopted Grier's system of prizes for attendance.

The regular Sunday school social was held on Friday evening, January 25. Besides the usual games and supper, the school was entertained with a bean auction, with Mr. Cutting as auctioneer.

The Unitarian Charitable Society held its annual meeting January 24. The following officers were chosen: President, Mrs. J. Q. Baker; vice-president, Mrs. Joseph Waite; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. C. B. Carroll; executive committee, Mrs. J. R. Root, Mrs. May and Mrs. Luella Clark.

SUFFIELD STREET CHAPEL.

The election of officers for the Sunday school occurred Sunday, January 13, and resulted as follows: W. O. Buckley, Jr., superintendent; Mr. L. A. Wiley, first assistant; Mrs. A. C. Thompson, second assistant; Myrton T. Smith, secretary and assistant treasurer; Silas Chapman, Jr., treasurer; W. O. Buckley, third, librarian; Geo. W. Fleming, assistant librarian. New enthusiasm is shown by the attendance at the teachers' meeting held at Mr. Buckley's house.

A plan of calling on the families of the chapel has been arranged to aid in the pastoral work. Our plan is to have one person call on two or three families once a month for three months. Then the list is shifted and the same two or three families have another visitor. So the visitors have a change, and the families also, but not too often. The caller is known as a representative of Suffield Street chapel. The chief thing is to get those who are willing to call.

Our C. E. society has planned to raise \$25 for missionary work this coming season. A barrel is now being packed by the Juniors. This is to be sent to South Carolina.

Four new names have recently been added to our list of associate members. We are especially glad to welcome the younger ones, as they will soon be the workers of the society.

The choir is doing good work as usual Sunday evenings.

NEW BRITAIN AVENUE MISSION.

Meetings for the instruction of Sunday school teachers and any one interested, are held each week for 40 minutes preceding the Wednesday evening prayer meeting. The meetings are conducted by Messrs. Charles Fisher and Mr. Woodman of the Theological Seminary. The few minutes devoted to the meetings have thus far been of much value to those in attendance.

Mr. Guthrie Carpenter, who has been quite prominent in Mission circles, has taken up his residence in Newark, N. J.

Richard Joslyn, one of our most enthusiastic workers, is recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia. His presence has been greatly missed.

Sickness has interfered somewhat with the attendance at our Sunday school so far this month. Still on Feb. 10 there was present 22 more than a year ago.

FIRST BAPTIST.

One of the most enjoyable evenings the league has yet had, was the January meeting, which occurred on the 23d at Merrill's. The first speaker was the Rev. Rockwell Harmon Potter, his subject being "Washington, the Patriot." A cordial rising vote of thanks was tendered him. He was followed by Mr. W. H. Sloane, who gave a comprehensive and interesting description of the "Passion Play" at Oberammergau, which he witnessed last summer. The Rev. Magee Pratt closed with a few well chosen remarks. The February meeting will not be held until the 28th, the committee not desiring to conflict with the special services at the church. It is hoped to secure Mr. Frisbie to deliver his talk on "The Flag," for the next meeting.

Our special meetings are to begin on the evening of February 12th, and will be held every afternoon at 3 and every evening at 7:30 o'clock. The Rev. Clarence A. Barbour, who comes to us to speak at these meetings, was converted in this church, and was taught as a little boy in one of the classes in our Sunday school. Many who are still with us will remember him then. Mr. Barbour conducted a similar mission for the church two years ago, which resulted in a wide-spread influence for good over the city.

The annual business meeting of the Young People's association will be held on the second Tuesday in March. At this time the election of officers will occur.

One of the pleasantest and most social affairs that have taken place in the church for a long time occurred on the evening of January 24, on the occasion of the annual roll call.

ASYLUM AVENUE BAPTIST.

Beginning with the last Sunday of the old century Dr. Stone has been giving us a series of four evening lectures upon the "Lessons of the Nineteenth Century." Subjects: Dec. 20, "The Burr and Hamilton Duel"; Jan. 13, "The Missionary Awakening"; Jan. 20,

"The Battle of Gettysburg"; Jan. 27, "President Finney's Life." These lectures have been much appreciated and enjoyed by many people.

On the first Sunday of the New Year, two classes were graduated from our primary department in Sunday school. Interesting graduating exercises were given by the children, closing with the presentation of diplomas by the superintendent.

Friday evening, Jan. 11, the Ladies' Social organization gave a "Chicken pie supper," in the parlors of the church, and, although the evening was a cold one, many succeeded in getting out to enjoy the supper and an evening of social chat.

The "In His Name" Circle of King's Daughters gave a social and "measuring party," Friday evening, Feb. 1. There was a short musical program, followed by games, during which an opportunity was given to become better acquainted with one another. The members of the circle wish to thank all those who so kindly assisted in the evening's entertainment, also all who so generously returned the bags with "contents."

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

A comedy entitled "Our Boys," was given by the Colt Dramatic Club at the Memorial building. It was given for the benefit of the cot fund, and was well presented and reflected a great deal of credit on those taking part.

The next meeting of the Men's League will be held Thursday, Feb. 21. The speaker will be Mr. J. Gilbert Calhoun, and his subject "Political Outlook for the Century."

The rector is enjoying a much needed rest at Fortress Monroe, Va. He expects to be at home at the beginning of the Lenten season. It is hoped he will return much improved in health.

The services Sunday morning, Feb. 10, were conducted by Dr. Smith of Trinity college. He preached a very forceful sermon on the early life and history of the church.

FARMINGTON AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

On Sunday, Feb. 24, our choir, assisted by a chorus of fifty, will give the oratorio "Israel," by Gaul. This chorus, under Mr. Loveland, has been practising for several weeks and a splendid rendition is sure to be given.

A mission circle for girls between seven and fourteen has just been started, its purpose being the study of Japan and some hand work for home missions. It is under the leadership of Mrs. J. Walter Scott and Miss Jenny P. Forbes.

Friday evening, Feb. 15, the ladies will give a supper which will be followed by a very fine musical program.

Our Current Event club met last Friday and discussed the army canteen. There was quite a crowd present who expressed their appreciation of the papers presented, including one army and one naval officer, who also expressed their views. The vote was in favor of the canteen by quite a large majority.

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THE LENTEN SEASON.

The approach of Lent suggests to us many things concerning its proper observance. As a season of fasting it is safe to say that it will not be generally recognized. But as a season of self denial, and self sacrifice, it ought to be observed by all Christians. So ought all seasons of the year, it is argued, and true enough, yet as one contemplates the forty days in the wilderness, and imagines the deep solemnity of that period, when our Lord was in constant communion with the Father, preparatory to His coming sacrifice, it seems a fitting season for all Christians, of whatever name, to lay aside all they can which will detract from the spirit of the Lenten season.

Love is the root of self sacrifice, and it was that above all which impelled our Lord to sacrifice Himself so unreservedly. Our Lord Himself placed love at the head of all Christian virtues, yet to attain that virtue to any considerable degree selfishness must first be stamped out. Who can contemplate the self denial, the suffering

and death of Christ without a feeling of deep humility for their own selfishness? If the Lenten season affords a special opportunity for such contemplation, let us make the most of it.

It is a hard lesson to learn, that of humility, yet it is the first to be learned if there is to be any religious progress in our lives. Bishop Huntington says of it:

"Without humility religious progress is impossible. Pride is the destruction of the principles of progress; it whispers to us continually that we are all that could be desired, or it points our attention to high positions and ambitious efforts beyond the scope of other men. Yet the true growth of the soul is not to be measured by our attempting many extraordinary duties, but by our power of doing simple duties well; and humility, when it reigns in the soul, carries this principle into practice. It bids us hallow our work, especially whatever may be to us hard or distasteful work, by doing it as a matter of principle."

When we have learned to humble ourselves, it is far easier to be of service to others. Our own desires will seem so much less important and the needs of others so much greater. If we can cultivate the grace of humility in our lives, and if we possess that great and crowning virtue of love, as exemplified by our Lord, our lives will be exceedingly rich and happy, even though we observe a perpetual Lent so far as our personal desires are concerned.

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"The habit of self-control is the repeated authority of the reason over the impulse, of the judgment over the inclinations, of the sense of duty over the desires. He who can govern himself intelligently has within him the source of all real happiness. The moral energy which he puts forth day by day increases by use, and becomes stronger and keener by exercise."

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THE RULER OF ALL THE EARTH.

Queen Victoria has passed away after a long and notable reign, and because she was "a queenly woman and a womanly queen" she is universally mourned. Her life and character have recently been so universally portrayed, that it need not be dwelt upon here, but as human rulers go, she will take her place in history among the best and wisest among them.

She is succeeded by her son, and while it can hardly be hoped that the change will be for the better, it is earnestly hoped that it may not prove for the worse, for Edward the Seventh has long since reached years of dis-

cretion, and because of his past training, and present great responsibility, he may prove to be the right man in the right place.

In a few weeks or months, amid great pomp and circumstance, the coronation of the new king will take place. England will blaze with glory, and men and women of high station will come from the ends of the earth to honor the new monarch. Then, after the lapse of a few years, he too will pass on.

But One there is who rules over all the earth, and whose reign is perpetual. Earthly sovereigns come and go, but Jesus still lives on, and reigns in the hearts of His people. Little of pomp or circumstance greeted this young king when He began His reign. Little of the honor and admiration of men were meted out to Him, while He was here establishing His kingdom. A poor and sorry figure He would make to human eyes, were He to appear at the coming coronation, as He appeared before that other earthly ruler—Pilate. But, nevertheless, today He rules over all, and though all people do not yet acknowledge allegiance to Him, the day is surely coming when "every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords."

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We hope, we strive, we fail;

We love, we hate, we die;
And unto what doth all avail?

And wherefore should we try
For aught, when birthright is but pain,
And dust to dust returned again?

We dream, and, dreaming, say,

"To-morrow will be kind."

Yet when to-day is yesterday—

Where that we hoped to find?
The rose we coaxed to fragrant bloom
May drop its petals o'er our tomb.

But, ah! the root holds germ

Of rose again to be,
And neither mold nor worm
Kills immortality.

Hush, heart, and let thy strivings rest,
For we have life—and life is best!

—Mary Clarke Huntington,
(In The Sunday School Times.)

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SOCIAL FUNCTION OF THE SALOON.

Till recently the part the saloon plays in the social life of a community has not been carefully considered. The report of Royal Loren Melendy of the University of Michigan, after a six months' investigation of the 163 saloons in the seventeenth ward, Chicago, shows that the saloon seeks to anticipate and minister to the neighborhood necessities, and in this way has become not only a social center, but often the working man's club. Free lunches are given at 111 of these saloons, business lunches at 24 of them; 147 are supplied with tables,

139 with papers, 44 with billiard tables, 56 with stalls, eight with music, six with dance halls, and three only allow gambling. Each saloon secures the patronage of men of the same trade, race or political notions. Here they gradually learn to drink, here the masses study politics and here nominations for office are made. A saloon-keeper somewhat superior in intelligence to his customers can easily direct their thoughts and in many ways make himself essential to their happiness. In some saloons there are rooms heated, lighted and furnished without cost for neighborhood meetings. These saloons are not all boisterous, nor do they compel visitors to buy wine or whisky. But they manage to render their existence in the neighborhood an apparent social necessity. The problem is to furnish something as useful in the community and more attractive than the saloon. There is the necessity for recreation, for food, more of which is given away, according to this report, than is supplied by all charity organizations of the city, for business appointments, for social gatherings, for a center for receiving and distributing the news. This cannot be done under the forms of charity. Coffee houses, club houses, fraternity lodges can attract the persons who ought to be reached only when they appeal to them on business principles..

The foregoing is from the Congregationalist, and while no one doubts that the social functions of the saloon contribute largely to its popularity, they also enhance the liquor evil by making it more attractive. The old problem is still with us, "What can we substitute for the social attractions of the saloon.

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Lord Roberts's touching appeal to England: "Don't tempt my brave soldiers with drink!" is fit to be inscribed on the future monument of the great war chieftain. If only all nations had commanders as careful in shielding their soldiers from the demoralizing effects of drink! Our own, for instance.

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MRS. NATION'S CRUSADE.

Our Washington correspondent writes concerning Mrs. Nation's saloon smashing crusade:

"How close the telegraph has brought the people of all sections together is shown by the interest shown in Washington in the extraordinary crusade against the saloons of Kansas by Mrs. Carrie Nation. The matter is being discussed by those who are opposed to the saloons and sympathy is expressed for the object of Mrs. Nation

even by those who do not approve of the method. A prominent lawyer said: "While on general principles I am opposed to violations of law and order, I approve of the adoption of illegal methods when it seems to offer the only way of breaking up illegal practices. For that reason I approve of Mrs. Nation's method of attacking the liquor traffic in Kansas, where it is prohibited by law." Mrs. John Bidwell, of California, wife of Gen. John Bidwell, once Prohibition candidate for president, who is now in Washington, said: "I can't condemn Mrs. Nation's methods. I believe that God at times is compelled to adopt startling methods as remedies for great evils. And I believe that Mrs. Nation has been raised up by the Lord to bring the attention of the world to the fact that in Kansas the laws are being trampled under foot. It is a great pity that a great nation like ours, which could turn out thousands to fight in behalf of a down-trodden people like the Cubans, should regard with equanimity the great abuses that result from the liquor traffic. From all I learn it seems that Mrs. Nation is a woman of pure life and sweet character. Doubtless she was frenzied by the indifference to the existing prohibitory laws displayed by local officials. I cannot bring myself to condemn her actions."

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Between the great things that we cannot do and the small things we will not do, the danger is that we shall do nothing.—Adolphe Monod.

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DON'T BARK.

The Christian Nation has this item condemning fondness for criticism. It has a wide application:

"Fault-finding is not difficult. Isaac McCurry illustrates this. A dog, hitched to a lawn-mower, stopped pulling to bark at a passer-by. The boy who was guiding the mower said, 'Don't mind the dog; he is just barking for an excuse to rest. It is easier to bark than pull this machine.' It is easier to be critical than correct, easier to bark than work. Easier to burn a house than build one. Easier to hinder than help. Easier to destroy reputation than construct character. Fault-finding is as dangerous as it is easy. Anybody can grumble, criticise, or censure, like those Pharisees, but it takes a great soul to go on working faithfully and lovingly, and rise superior to it all, as Jesus did."

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"Measure thy life by loss instead of gain;
Not by the wine drunk, but the wine poured forth;
For love's strength standeth in love's sacrifice;
And whoso suffers most hath most to give."

WOMAN IN IT.

John Coughlin, known to fame as "Bathhouse John," a saloon keeper in Chicago, decided to go out of business, and said that he would close his saloon on the first day of May. When interviewed he had this to say:

"I'll tell you what is the matter with the whisky biz. It begins with a prayer against it and ends with a curse upon it. And the prayer and the curse come from the lips of a woman. When a man prays against me I just laugh; when he curses I curse back. But when I know a woman is kneeling down against me every night, and when I know in the end she's going to curse me, I quits. I'm only John Coughlin, but I've got a name, and the whisky game can't have me for it."—Selected.

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The lazy person lets the opportunity go by, and then mourns for what might have been when it is too late. If we would have no regrets over the past, and would have the future what it ought to be, we must wisely and industriously use the present, instead of idly dreaming the time away, or lazily longing for something we might have, if only the proper effort was made.

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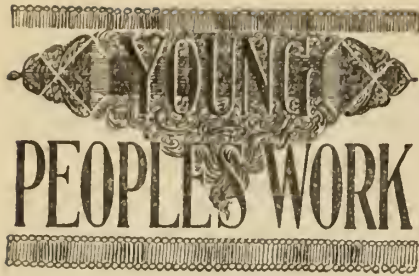
Secretary Root evidently did not wish to be criticised for any lack of promptness in carrying out the anticanteen clause of the Army Reorganization Act, as the first official order issued by the War Department under that law directed the discontinuance of the sale of beer, wine and all forms of intoxicants on all military reservations and army transports. The following language, from the order, is not likely to be misunderstood: "Commanding officers will immediately carry the provisions of this law into full force and effect and will be held strictly responsible that no exceptions or evasions are permitted within their respective jurisdictions."

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THE "RHYMING SOVEREIGNS" OF ENGLAND.

Revised to Date, February, 1901.

First William the Norman, then William his son;
Henry, Stephen and Henry, then Richard and John;
Next Henry the Third, Edwards, One, Two and Three,
And again after Richard,—bad King, I confess—
Two Henrys, Sixth Edward, Queen Mary, Queen Bess.
Next Jamie of Scotland, then Charles, whom they slew,
Yet received after Cromwell another Charles, too.
Next James the Second ascended the throne,
Then good William and Mary together came on.
Queen Anne, Georges four and Fourth William, all gone;
Then Victoria who left the crown to her son,
And now the old anthem of England will ring,
Long live Edward Seventh. Oh! God save the King.



HARTFORD UNION NOTES.

The Hartford C. E. union held the first of four union meetings to be held this year on Friday evening, January 25 at the Windsor Avenue Congregational church. Opening praise service was by choir selected to assist at this time, Miss Elsie Dresser as organist. Scripture reading and prayer by pastor of the church, Rev. H. E. Peabody. The first address of the evening was by Rev. E. S. Ferry, on "Some Suggestions along the line of Evangelistic work that we can carry on." He handled the topic very effectively.

Much interest was manifest in the next speaker, Mr. Noel H. Jacks, the new secretary of Y. M. C. A., many of us not having had the pleasure of hearing him before. He had for his topic: "Every Christian Should be a Soul Saver," and gave many illustrations of great men in their day being happy over having been instrumental in saving one soul to God. He is a very interesting speaker and we hope to hear him again.

"The Soul-Saver's Outfit," by Rev. Rockwell Harmon Potter, pastor of Center church, was the next address. How our hearts turn to him as the sweet face of the late Dr. Lamson comes to our vision. He has that same magnetic delivery, always to the point, and good to look upon. His topic was one well suited to the man, as who could give us more help in this work of saving souls than one who day by day does his best to preach Christ. Space does not allow going into detail but one fact impresses us very favorably, that Dr. Potter said only too well, we must go into the depths for the souls to regain, not stand on our high pedestal and expect them to come up without aid. We want love, sympathy and kindness to win souls to God. The meeting closed with the benediction.

Miss Alice V. Patterson sang a solo in the earlier part of the meeting.

Vice-President E. S. Weaver presided at the foregoing meeting, owing to the absence of President Goslee.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR PRAYER MEETING TOPICS.

(From the Presbyterian C. E. Manual.)

February 17.—Confessing Christ. Matt. 10:32-39.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

Convictions confessed are strengthened.

True love is always loyal.

Confess Christ, be confessed by Christ.

We should confess Christ because He commands it.

We should confess Christ because He deserves it.

We should confess Christ because

we need it.

Secret disciples garner no sheaves.

We may witness to Christ by our words, works, and worth.

We do not conceal our friendship with earth's great; we boast of it. Shame upon us, then, not to own Christ!

Christ withheld not his best from us; should we withhold allegiance from Him?

Christ conquers by confession.

The saved should say so.

February 24.—Trust: "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength." Phil. 4:4-13.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

Christ's strength is pledged to us for Christ's service.

They greatly dare who greatly trust.

The strength of Christian Endeavor is in its dependence upon Christ's strength.

All heights are possible to faith.

The pledge would be presumption without its first clause.

He whom we trust has been often tested.

We are given strength that we may give service.

If we attempt more for Christ, we would get more from Christ.

Our endeavors never reach the limit of the strength that may be ours.

We cannot trust one whom we do not know.

March 3.—Religious Barrenness. Luke 13:6-9.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

Fruit is a proof of faith.

Only the abiding branches bear.

Fruit is a consequence of life.

The barren cannot be beautiful.

The faithful are never fruitless.

There are many kinds of Christian fruits, but all are for the glory of the Vine.

We altogether miss our mission when we fail to produce fruit.

More fruit is always possible.

Fruitful Christians refresh Christ.

To bear nothing is to produce evil fruit.

The hungry world is to be fed on the fruit borne by believers.

March 10.—A Castaway. 1 Cor. 9:24-27.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

We may be cast away from rewards and still obtain salvation.

He is most cast away who is a cast-away from hope.

Only they attain who strive.

Salvation is not a prize to be won, but a gift to be received.

God gives us salvation, and then offers us prizes in addition.

The temperate triumph.

The masters of men have first mastered self.

The body is but the horse of which the spirit is the driver.

They win who strive with both wisdom and will.

"We are souls; we have bodies."

The worst slavery is subjection of the spirit to the body.

If the body is not mastered it will become master.



WOMAN'S WORK

WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union has changed its place of meeting to the Y. M. C. A. building at the last meeting. Mrs. A. D. Cross gave a very interesting paper on the "Ring-ing of the Curfew." This method of keeping young boys and girls off the streets at night has been tried in several large cities and towns, with the result of a decided decrease in crime among the young. It is one of the great aims of the W. C. T. U. to so legislate that 'twill be easy for a young boy or girl to do right, and hard for them to do wrong, for saving the young of this generation means better and purer homes for the next generation. Frances Willard called the W. C. T. U. the "Organized Motherhood of the Land."

Our "Free Will Offering" meeting will be held soon. It is hoped that members and friends will respond generously.

WOMAN'S WORK NOTES.

A society of Christian Endeavors has just been organized at Budapest, Hungary, by the wife of a professor. Great interest is reported in Endeavor matters.

"If there be a vocation which makes greater demands upon the heart, soul, intelligence and physique than this common vocation of motherhood I do not know what it is," writes Caroline Leslie Field of "The Problem of the Boy," in the February Ladies' Home Journal. "Earth's greatest rulers, legislators and philanthropists have been they who have reared her generations from the cradle to maturity, and then sat back among the fireside shadows with folded hands while their children praised them in the gates. It is certainly a grand calling. There is none other like it."

"As a writer, as a poet, there were few in the literary world of London (in the forties) who had not heard of Sarah Flower Adams, the gifted woman to whom all Christendom today pays homage in its love for her immortal hymn, 'Nearer, My God, to Thee,'" writes Clifford Howard in the February Ladies' Home Journal. "It was written in 1840, and had subsequently been set to music by Eliza Flower, and included in a collection of hymns written and composed by the two sisters. Only within that year had their book of 'Hymns and Anthems,' been published, and the hymn that was destined to inspire the world had then been heard but once or twice, and within the walls of a single church.—South Palace Chapel, London.

Love your children and they will love you in spite of all your short-

comings; keep faith with them and they will keep faith with you; treat them courteously and they will be courteous; maintain high ideals and they will follow them; make them the centre of your life and they will make you the centre of their lives.—Caroline Leslie Field in the February Ladies' Home Journal.

The grandson of the first woman in Zululand to become a convert to Christianity was recently ordained a missionary. This marks another grand achievement of foreign missionary work as conducted by the American board.

"Hearing a Bible story and learning a text should form part of the children's employment every Sunday afternoon," says a writer in the February Ladies' Home Journal. "However busy the mother may be in the week he should take time on this day to gather her children about her and teach them herself. She cannot delegate this duty to the Sunday school without serious loss to them and to herself.

In her "Talks With Girls" in the February Woman's Home Companion Ada C. Sweet gives the following excellent advice to nervous women and to girls who believe that to pretend to fear is a feminine virtue:

"Without courage a fine, high character is impossible. Girls need to cultivate this magnificent virtue. To be afraid of nothing is enviable. It is too much the custom to excuse girls for cowardice, which is the lowest form of selfish fear. Yet it is not uncommon to hear a girl say, 'I am an abject coward.'"

SHELTER FOR WOMEN.

There have been a number of changes in our "Home" in the past month. Some of our girls, who have been with us for some time, have been placed in good homes and many others have come to us. At one time we had a family of eighteen.

One of the members of the committee has given us a piano that we are enjoying very much.

Our weekly meetings are full of interest. Mr. and Mrs. Jones, of the Institute for the Blind, have assisted in these meetings.

We are planning now to enlarge our "clothing bureau," as our present quarters are very small. This part of our work is growing, and we have large sales weekly. It is of real blessing to the many people who come to us.

We had the pleasure of having Mrs. E. M. Whittemore, of New York, with us recently, and her visit was of real blessing to our household.

TEMPERANCE NOTES.

It is explained that Mrs. Nation's first husband and a brother-in-law of hers drank themselves to death.

If Vermont passes the bill now before its legislature providing for a State distillery, she will carry that paradoxical temperance measure, the State dispensary system, one step farther even than South Carolina.

The election of a Prohibition sheriff in Portland, Me., and its county has stirred up a great wave of temperance reform in Neal Dow's State, and the

Christian citizens are beginning to exert the power they have had all along, if they had cared to use it.

Testimony of the greatest value on this subject comes also from Bishop Potter, who has recently visited the Philippines. Last week at the annual banquet of the New York Commandery of the Loyal Legion he said: "I saw a great many soldiers under a great many conditions, and in a great many relations, but I did not see one of them anywhere of whom I had in the slightest degree to be ashamed. If I touch upon the matter of the reported intemperance of the American soldier in the Philippines it is because there has been much misrepresentation in regard to it. . . . I believe it can be demonstrated that the record of the army in regard to temperance is of a thoroughly creditable character. There is no finer type physically in the world than our men in the Philippines. Nothing could be more creditable than their behavior to women in the streets, and the impression they make upon a stranger is that they are self-restraining, self-respecting, loyal sons of the Republic. I hope for myself, audacious as it may seem, that that military occupation may for a time be continued."

Mention may be made of the Hawaiian Woman's Club, successfully launched in Honolulu five years ago. It was started by an American school-teacher who was wont to invite young girls to her home once a week for informal conversation on some topic. The outgrowth was a full-fledged club of thirty-four members, most of them being Hawaiians, with a mixture, however, of Chinese and Portuguese. The president this year is a Chinese girl, who wears her quaint national costume when she fills the official chair.—Bertha Damaris Knoke in the November Woman's Home Companion.

An influential lady, the wife of a promising lawyer, who had been under deep conviction for several days, gave the following account at our prayer-meeting of her conversion:

"Last evening my little girl came to me and said:

"'Mamma, are you a Christian?'"

"'No, Fannie, I am not.'"

"She turned and went away, and as she walked off I heard her say:

"'Well, if mamma isn't a Christian, I don't want to be one.'"

"And I tell you, my friends, it went right to my heart, and then I gave myself up to Christ."

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ADDITIONAL CHURCHES.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN.

A pleasant feature of one Loyal Workers' meeting, Jan. 20, was a visit from our state evangelist, Rev. C. H. Sweet of Winsted, who also preached for us in the evening.

He reports very encouraging results

of the state mission work in various places.

For another line of mission work, we recently had our annual call from Mr. Arba Lankton of this city.

Our monthly Bible class, held at the home of our pastor, Feb. 1, was a lively and interesting meeting; the topic being, "Does it make any difference what an honest man believes?"

A little quiet home mission work has been done this month by a few of our workers.

WETHERFIELD BAPTIST.

The annual supper and business meeting for choice of officers was held in the lecture room on Thursday evening, Jan. 17.

There will be an entertainment in the church Monday evening, with singing by the Hickman quartet and others, the proceeds to assist the church.

Mr. Elsdon is a very little improved.

OPEN HEARTH.

The attendance at this season is very large and every part of the home is filled to overflowing. The reading room is well patronized and the papers and periodicals eagerly read.

The service room is crowded each evening, and the forceful appeals of Superintendent Miller received by the audience with earnest attention. The number who have given promise of a better life is large even for this season, and the testimonials give proof of sincerity. Prayer meeting is held each morning at 9 o'clock and is well attended. The Sunday services at 3:30 and 7:40 o'clock are crowded. Mr. Northrop, the well known cornetist, is generally present and assists in accompaniments and rendering select compositions. All that we need at the Open Hearth is enlarged accommodations for the great work being done, and as we now have the hearty co-operation of so many of our citizens, it is hoped this may soon be afforded.

WARBURTON CHAPEL.

A social for all the members of the Sunday school was held in the chapel Friday evening, Feb. 1.

Several of our scholars and teachers are confined to their homes by illness. The most prevalent trouble seems to be vaccination.

Class socials are being held nearly every week, two or three classes uniting for that purpose and meeting at the chapel.

A Sunday school concert was given Sunday evening, Feb. 10. There was a good attendance of the scholars with parents and friends. Music, recitations, verses and a short address made up the program. It is planned to have the next concert in April.

A new piano has been given to replace the organ in the teachers room. The choir had \$50 provided towards a new piano and this amount was supplemented and the new instrument sent for our use.

Three large pictures have been purchased by the Choir Girls' club, and the Y. P. society, to be placed in the chapel.

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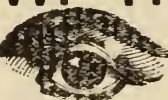


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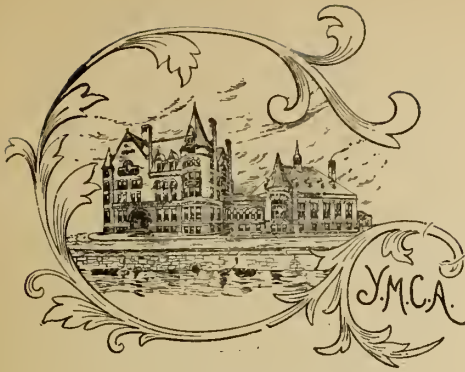
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Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

After considerable discussion of the matter, the board of managers have decided to open a pool room in the building, which will be conducted for the exclusive use of senior members of the association. No smoking will be allowed and each member must pay for his own game at the rate of one cent per cue. This pool room will be off the main reception hall, directly opposite the business office, where it will be under a close surveillance. The room will be opened from 3 to 9:00 p. m. each day, excepting Sunday. A young man will be in constant attendance to see to the enforcement of the rules. The pool tables used will be those that were formerly in the Workmen's Exchange, which has been permanently closed up. The present arrangement is in the nature of an experiment, the idea in the minds of the management being to provide young men with the opportunity of playing pool where they will be free from the objectionable features of the ordinary pool room. Hundreds of young men in Hartford frequent the public pool rooms and it is thought that the association may get some of these to come to the building where the moral influences are pure and wholesome.

SUNDAY MEETINGS.

The religious work committee is giving careful attention to the development of the religious work of the association. The Sunday afternoon meetings are increasing in interest and attendance. A fine program of speakers has been made up for the next three months and include many prominent men. The association orchestra plays at each service and some of Hartford's popular soloists have been secured to sing.

SOCIAL WORK.

Much is being done to increase the social atmosphere of the building by our Saturday evening informal gatherings, the addition of the pool room and other interesting features.

The rehearsals of the Oriental opera, "Egypta," are progressing finely. Over 600 people have been secured for the choruses and solo parts. It is expected that this entertainment will be a great success. It will be held in Parson's theater Feb. 18 and 29, with a matinee on Wednesday the 20th.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.

Aggressive work is being done in the junior department, with two large classes per week in the gymnasium, a Sunday service for boys only every Sunday afternoon. A Bible class is

held every Sunday afternoon, conducted by the junior secretary, Mr. Willard E. Brown. General Secretary Noel H. Jacks is to give the boys a series of three talks, beginning Sunday afternoon, Feb. 10.

The next State convention for the Connecticut Young Men's Christian Association will meet at Waterbury, Conn., March 7-10.

PHYSICAL DEPARTMENT.

In the physical department large classes of young men are attending the numerous classes held each week.

Beginning Monday, Feb. 18, there will be a handicap bowling tournament that is attracting considerable attention among the young men who enjoy this form of exercise. The interest in the games of the Association Basketball League held every Saturday evening is well sustained.



"RUBBING."

Nerves require very delicate handling, as they are often exquisitely sensitive to the slightest touch; but patient persistence and care are certain to be productive of greater or less relief. It is not necessary in every instance to exercise so much delicacy, however, as there are many conditions which are more rapidly benefited by the vigorous use of a crash towel, till the superficial parts over the seat of the trouble are aglow. Circular motions, pinching, and slapping all enter into the methods of a successful masseur. Finally, the success of the treatment of pain by rubbing is to be found, not so much in the brute force exhibited in the manipulations, as in the gentle, educated touch which is able to recognize at once the requirements of the individual case.—A. T. Atkinson, -I. D., in *The Household*.

LONGEVITY INFLUENCED BY WATER.

Solid and dry as the human body appears, water constitutes more than one-fourth of its bulk, and all the functions of life are really carried on in a water bath, and, although the sense of thirst may be trusted to call for a draught of water, when required, the fluid can be imbibed most advantageously for many reasons besides merely satisfying thirst.

In the latter stage of digestion, when comminution of the mass is incomplete, it is much facilitated by a moderate draught of water, which disintegrates and dissolves the contents of the stomach, fitting it for emulgence and preparing it for assimilation.

The habit of drinking water in moderate quantities between meals contributes to health, and indicates the fact that those who visit health resorts for the purpose of imbibing the waters of mineral springs might profit by staying at home and drinking more water and less whiskey. Water is the universal solvent of Nature, and the chief agent in all transformations of

matter. When taken into an empty stomach, it soon begins to pass out through the tissues by an osmotic process into the circulation to liquefy effete solids, whose excretion from the system is thus facilitated. Very few people think of the necessity of washing the inside as well as the outside of the body, and he who would be perfectly healthy should be as careful about the cleanliness of his stomach as that of his skin.

MOUTH-BREATHING.

Few people realize what an important organ the nose is. It is the first of the organs of respiration, and unless its functions are well performed the whole breathing process is deranged. The nostrils are not open cavities with smooth walls through which the air passes in and out, as it would through a rubber tube. They are divided into several compartments by bony projections covered with mucous membrane, and the volume of air in entering is broken up into several streams, so that all of it comes in contact with the lining membrane.

This warm and moist membrane catches the dust and other impurities, and warms the air so that it will do no harm when coming in contact with the more delicate membrane in the bronchial tubes and lungs.

When the nose is stopped up from any cause one must breathe through the mouth, and if this is continued for any length of time the general health will inevitably suffer.

The mouth itself suffers first. The mucous membrane loses its moisture and becomes inflamed. The air is neither warmed nor purified, and it irritates the lining membrane of the air passages all the way down to the lungs, so that a condition of sluggish inflammation is excited.

But the general effects are more serious than the local. One who is a mouth-breather never gets enough air. During the day he suffers less in this respect, for the nerve-centers are more active and force the respiratory muscles to act more energetically; but at night this vigilance is relaxed, the amount of inspired air is greatly reduced, and all the tissues suffer for want of oxygen. For this reason the mouth-breather always feels tired and out of sorts in the morning.

The mind suffers as well as the body, and mouth-breathing children are almost always backward in their studies.

The question of the cause of mouth-breathing, or rather of nasal obstruction, on which the mouth-breathing must be reserved for another article. As a rule, it is easily found on examination by the physician, and can be removed without difficulty. What we would insist upon here is the absolute necessity of its early removal.

A child who always breathes with open mouth, and whose voice has a nasal twang, should be examined and treated at the earliest possible moment, for the longer the trouble exists the worse it is for the child mentally, morally and physically.—*The Youths' Companion*.

"There's no use haunting this place any longer," sighed the ghost; "all the people see through me."—*Yale Record*.



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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS

Mrs. G.—Rockville.

The hymn-anthem "While the Days are going By" is written for a mezzo-voice and quartet. It is well spoken of and pleases because of its semi-gospel hymn tune swing. It would probably give pleasure to your church people.

Miss H.—Hartford.

Bach's C major Prelude is rather difficult, for the use you suggest, easy as it is for more advanced pupils. Why not select something like the easy waltzes by Schubert, or some of Schuman's easy pieces for children.

The Bach C Major Prelude, No. 1, has only three periods, the last one is practically long Coda. The first period ends with a Perfect Cadence in the key of the Dominant at the 11th measure. The second Period closes with a Perfect Cadence in the 19th measure. The Dominant and the Tone Pedal at the 32d measure. I think it will be difficult for your pupil to understand the Pedal passages and the modulatory progression in the second period. However, your efforts are to be commended.

SELECT HYMNS WITH CARE.

It is said that ministers nowadays can be hardly suspected of choosing hymns with what the old writer calls a malignant purpose. But strange coincidences sometimes occur in the matter of hymns and anthems. I read the other day that one Sunday recently the choir of St. Peter's Church, Edinburgh, were unable to proceed with the singing of Gounod's anthem "Send out Thy Light" owing to the lights suddenly going out. Stories of this kind are, indeed, common, though whether they are all true may be doubted. The gas has often gone out, so we are told, just when the choir were singing the well-known refrain of the mission hymn, "Let there be light"; and I have heard of a similar accident happening when the congregation were singing:—"I'd rather walk in the dark with God That go alone in the light."

A young minister, going to preach to a country congregation, found on reaching the place that, as the day had turned out very wet and stormy, there was an exceedingly sparse congregation. He had chosen his hymns without much consideration, and was not a little startled on giving out the first one to find that he had selected "Oh, my people, faint and few." He got through the service in some way; "but depend upon it," he said, "I never used that hymn again." Another minister, who had omitted an intimation at the

conclusion of his service, was reminded by one of the deacons just before he had announced the last hymn. Apologizing for his neglect, he read the intimation and then gave out the hymn, which to the amusement of the congregation, turned out to be "Lord, What a Thoughtless Wretch was I." Ministers, it is to be feared, often did this kind of thing, especially when they desired to be revenged on refractory singers. It is told of one New England divine who, unexpectedly finding his singers in their seats after an interregnum of hostilities, looked significantly over the pulpit and then announced the hymn, "And Are ye Wretches Still Alive, and Do ye yet Rebel?" Such incidents could only have happened in the good old times when ministers were not afraid of showing a little humor in the pulpit.—Musical Opinion.

NOTES.

Mr. Camp, organist of the Park Church, gave an organ recital Monday evening, Jan. 29th, assisted by Mr. Potter, tenor. A very interesting program was listened to by a large and sympathetic audience.

The andante from the Buck Sonata with the dainty numbers by Hits and Durand were the most pleasing.

An unfortunate nervousness, which affects so many organists, detracted from the full enjoyment of some of the other numbers.

Mr. Potter sang solos from Mendelssohn and Molique most acceptably, and Mr. Camp's accompaniments to them were in excellent taste. The work was well done by both gentlemen, and deserved the many compliments bestowed.

The monthly musical service at the Hill Church, Sunday, Feb. 3d, was from Sir Arthur Sullivan's works, with responsive readings, and a brief paper by Professor Pratt, of the Theological school.

Generous programs, in clear, large type, gave the words of the hymns and made it possible for the people to know what the singers were trying to express. In one solo, "The Chorister," every word was distinctly heard throughout the church.

The Prelude, Pastorale, was not interesting as transcribed, and there seemed to be a lack of study, or familiarity with the selections sung, necessary to make such a program acceptable. Everybody knows the Hill church choir can do fine work when it is at its best, but Sunday evening, Feb. 3d, it was not inspired.

Mr. Pratt's paper was interesting.

The music and able lectures at the synagogue, on Charter Oak street, are interesting to the large audiences now attracted there.

The Center church music holds its leading position yet as a good model in church music. The Park church choir is also fast coming to the front in popularity. Go and hear them, you will also be interested in the good work from the pulpit.

Mr. Benedict, at the Fourth church, is bravely struggling with a chorus choir and other unavoidable circumstances which organists have to contend with. If he lives long enough he may win. Success to him.

KEEPING YOUNG.

The famous Scotch preacher, Dr. Alexander Whyte, says that "a thousand things may come in to make a man feel either old or young. The kind of life a man has lived; virtuous or vicious, religious or irreligious, idle or industrious, for himself, or for God and his generation, the state of his health, the state of his fortune, his family life, his disappointed or fulfilled hopes in life, and so on." He goes on with the following fine illustrations.

Cicero wrote his Cato at sixty-three, and the great orator's design in that famous dialogue was to brace up those men around him whose knees were beginning to tremble, and whose hands to hang down about that time of life. And Cicero goes on to fortify first himself and then his readers with such examples as those of Plato, who died at his desk at eighty-one; and Isocrates, who wrote one of his best books at ninety-four, and who lived another five years on the fame of it; and Gorgias the Leontine, who completed a hundred and seven years, and never to the end loitered in his love of work, but died leaving this testimony on his deathbed: "I have had no cause for blaming old age," he said.

"I, myself," adds Cato, "supported the Voconian law at sixty-five with an unimpaired voice and powerful lungs." And best of all, at the age of seventy, Ennius lived in such a heart as to bear nobly those two burdens, which are by most men deemed the greatest, poverty and old age. Ennius bore those two burdens with what seemed to all men around him the greatest good will.

On the other hand, in annotating the text Bishop Lightfoot reminds us that Roger Bacon complained of himself at fifty-three as already an old man. And so, too, Sir Walter Scott lamented of himself at fifty-five as "a gray old man." Now it must be admitted that those two Christians do not come out at all well when set beside the brave-hearted heathens. Only, Dr. Samuel Johnson's shout must not be forgotten—Drink water, sir, and go in for a hundred! And he drank water and went in for reading the best and writing the best, till he published his masterpiece after he was three-score and ten.

Dante's "old age" in the Banquet begins at forty-five. But, on the other hand, Tacitus declares that if he had one foot in the grave, it would not matter, he would still be reading and writing the best.—The C. E. World.

A note in the "Concert of the Powers" that has the right ring, is the recent agreement by which the import duties on liquors for Africa have been advanced to what it is hoped may prove a prohibitive rate.—C. E. World.

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MISSIONARY NOTES.

In 1890 there were in India only 797 ordained Indian ministers of the gospel, but last year there were 1,010.

Dr. W. A. P. Martin, president of the Imperial College in Peking, who has lived in China nearly fifty years, denies the common story that the dowager empress of China is of humble birth, and says she comes from a noble Manchu family.

The Chinese minister, in an important recent address, paid a hearty tribute to missionaries, and at the same time urge on all foreigners a greater considerateness in dealing with his countrymen. "Chinese customs and manners are not necessarily bad," said he mildly, "and foreign ways are not always the best."

A Chinaman, bound recently, with a sword held to his throat, when asked, "Are you a believer in Jesus Christ?" firmly replied, "Yes, I am a Christian." He escaped death, and when asked afterward how he could testify so boldly, answered that he had just been reading about Peter's denial.

Not until recently have the Japanese book-stores been willing to carry the Bible in stock, for fear of offending their Buddhist patrons. Now, however, Bibles are so eagerly sought that they are kept on sale in all the prominent book-stores in Japan.

Here is an astounding statement made by Rev. Sydney Cox: "In 1897 there were 1,700 Mormon missionaries. The gain of Mormonism in that one year was 63,000 converts, and this when the total number of Mormons was less than a third of a million. During the same year the efforts of over four million Presbyterians, Methodists, and Congregationalists did secure more than 50,000 converts, or 13,000 less than the Mormons alone secured."

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A dozen of the wealthiest capitalists in the country—men who wield absolute control over immense business enterprises—will tell the readers of *The Saturday Evening Post* (February 16) why they remain in the race which they have already won.

"The Largest Sunday School in the World"—that at Stockport, England—is the subject of an article by W. T. Stead in *The Youth's Companion* for January 10th.

In view of the approaching birthday anniversaries of Washington and Lincoln, both occurring in the month of February, the new number of the *Review of Reviews* contains an interesting comparative study of these two eminent Americans by Mr. Lyman P. Fowell. In place of the regular cartoon department of the magazine there is a remarkable series of reproductions of cartoons of the war period, entitled "Abraham Lincoln in Contemporary Caricature."

There is a strong movement in the northwestern states for congress to make a national park at the headwaters of the Mississippi, in order to save from destruction very nearly the last virgin forest of pine existing in America. The movement finds voice in the February number of *The Delineator* in a description given of the work undertaken by the Women's Clubs of Minnesota.

The Midwinter Fiction Number of the *Century* (February) contains the prize story in the *Century's* third annual college competition. It is a romantic tale of Macedonia called "An Old-World Wooing," and the author is Adeline M. Jenney, B. A., of the University of Wisconsin.

Scribner's Magazine for February contains a story by Edith Wharton entitled "The Angel at the Grave," which has all her accustomed charm of style and subject; the second "Raffles" story by E. W. Hornung describes the theft of a valuable antique from the British Museum (illustrated by Yohn); Arthur Colton tells the tale of a group of boys in a Connecticut town with something of the charm of Kenneth Graham's idyls of childhood.

Mrs. Meade is one of the most popular of writers for children, and in Cassell's *Little Folks* for February (with which part a new volume is begun) she commences one of her best stories. It tells of the doings of four children on a farm.

The Master Christian. By Marie Corelli. 604 pages, 12 mo. New York: Dodd, Mead & Co. Price \$1.50.

The body of critics have been directly at variance in regard to this

book. Half agree that it is one of the greatest books of the year; the other half deny it. It is undoubtedly powerful and vigorous. It attacks a popular religious body in a "no quarter" style that must necessarily arouse antagonism.

The plot, in brief, hinges on the Christ coming again as a little child into the hurly burly of the modern world. How he is received the story tells. As to what constitutes a "great" book, opinions may differ, but that this story, written in the most reverential of spirits, will do great good in the evolution of things toward perfect truth, there can be no question.

Lincoln at Work. By W. O. Stoddard. 173 pages, 16 mo. Boston: United Society of Christian Endeavor. Price \$1.00.

This is a small book and is easily and quickly read but it is, to say the very least, an inspiring book.

The author was one of Mr. Lincoln's private secretaries and knew him intimately for many years, especially dur-

ing the war. The book has some very good illustrations. One, rather unique one, we are enabled to reproduce in connection with this notice.

The Black Gown. By Ruth Hall. 318 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price \$1.50.

One of the latest additions to the list of popular historical novels. Its scenes transpire in New York state, especially in the locality of the present city of Albany. The story is of the early days of the Dutch settlement and the hero a young man of admirable qualities, whose love experiences cause him to go through much that is unpleasant.

The romance is well written and the plot new enough and lively enough to hold the interest closely.

The Century Book of the American Colonies. By Elbridge S. Brooks. 233 pages, large 8 vo. New York: The Century Co. Price \$1.50.

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ing the war, when the President sat so many long hours of successive nights in "the dark work-room" fighting coming battles on a map before him, and fighting out with himself at other times the problems of diplomacy and government. If the author had treated his subject more elaborately, this work might have taken a place in the front rank of the year's best and most important contributions to literature.

We published last month an extract from the book. It is well worth reading.

What a New York Trooper Saw of the War. By Charles Fuller. 39 pages, pamphlet. New York: A. Mackel & Co. Price 50 cents.

A short, simple and very graphic narrative of personal experience, from the day of the author's enlistment to the return of his regiment; the war referred to in the title being the recent one with Spain. There is no pretense of fine writing and the book will interest, in consequence, many who would not care to read a more pre-

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A feature of the book is its illustrations which are mostly from photographs. All are of great interest and many are entirely new. Through the courtesy of the publishers we are enabled to reproduce on this page a picture of the Charter Oak which is different in several respects from those with which we have become familiar, locally.

Quincy Adams Sawyer and Mason's

Corner Folks. By Charles Felton Pidgin. 225 pages, 12 mo. Boston: C. M. Clark Publishing Co. Price \$1.50. Some reviewer has called this "the best New England story" ever written. This is rather over-enthusiastic, but there is much in the book that is remarkably good. The local color is distinctive and convincing, and the Massachusetts village, wherein "Quincy Adams Sawyer" sojourns, seems to have given the author character-studies which neither "David Harum" nor "Eben Holden" portray.

The fault of the book is a disconnectedness which seems to take away any definite end or plot as the text is followed. The author shows enterprise, if not perfect taste, in making this story "boom" a new story, "Blennerhassett," which he announces will be published shortly.

Our Presidents and How We Make Them. By Colonel A. K. McClure. 418 pages, 8 vo. New York: Harper & Bros. Price, \$2.00.

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An index of praiseworthy completeness makes the book one of very great reference value.

A Book of Common Worship. By Various Authors. 418 pages, 16 mo. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons.

The design of this book is to make possible a most praiseworthy and desirable condition—the possibility of a system of worship upon which all Christian religions may meet in common, without regard to the detailed differences of creed or doctrine. The New York State Conference of Religion believed this possible, and this compilation is the outgrowth of that conference. It seems to have been compiled with carefulness and excellent judgment, yet containing probably all that is essential to universal worship. A fair examination of the book reveals no apparent grounds for offense to any religious organization.

Under the general direction of the Executive Committee of the Conference the work was done by a sub-committee. This committee, consisting of Reverends R. Heber Newton, Gustav Gottheil and Thomas R. Slicer, deserves all praise and credit for its conscientious and important work.

Church Folks. By Ian Maclaren. 206 pages, 12 mo. New York: Doubleday, Page & Co. Price \$1.25.

"The Candy-pull System in the Church." "The Mutineer in the

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The Half-Hearted. By John Buchan. 260 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price, \$1.50.

A young and well educated Scotchman, with high confidence in himself, ordinarily, finds that he is weak and irresolute under circumstances that demand opposite qualities. He is man enough to accept a different and dangerous commission to India, which a

charming in her style of address. The whole tone of the book is deeply religious. Some of the subjects considered under the general head, are: "The Girl and Her Friends," "Her Books and Correspondence," "When Her Prince Comes," "The Woman's Club."

The frontispiece of the book is a beautiful portrait of a young woman.

Sweepers of the Sea. The Tale of a Strange Navy. By Claude H. Wetmore. 345 pages, 12 mo. Indianapolis: The Bowen-Merrill Co. Price \$1.50.

This is an absolute unique romance, not because of the fascinating mystery with which the author has endowed the pages, but because he treats his subject in a novel way.

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The book has had a flattering sale, a practical tribute to its worth.

Edward Barry, South Sea Pearler. By Louis Becke. 305 pages, 12 mo. Boston: L. C. Page & Co. Price \$1.50.

The author has spent a larger part of his life among the islands of the South Seas. He is consequently familiar with their characteristics and knows the men who populate them and trade with them.

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L'hasa at Last. By J. Macdonald Oxley. 250 pages, 12 mo. Philadelphia: American Baptist Publishing Society. Price \$1.25.

The author has read faithfully the writings of the principal explorers and adventurers who have attempted to reach the capital of Thibet. He has incorporated a concise account of the strange land and people seen in a story, which the well known talents of the author make most thrilling.

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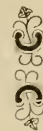
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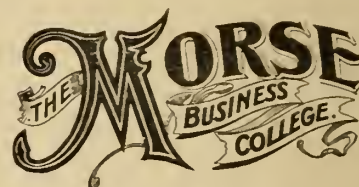
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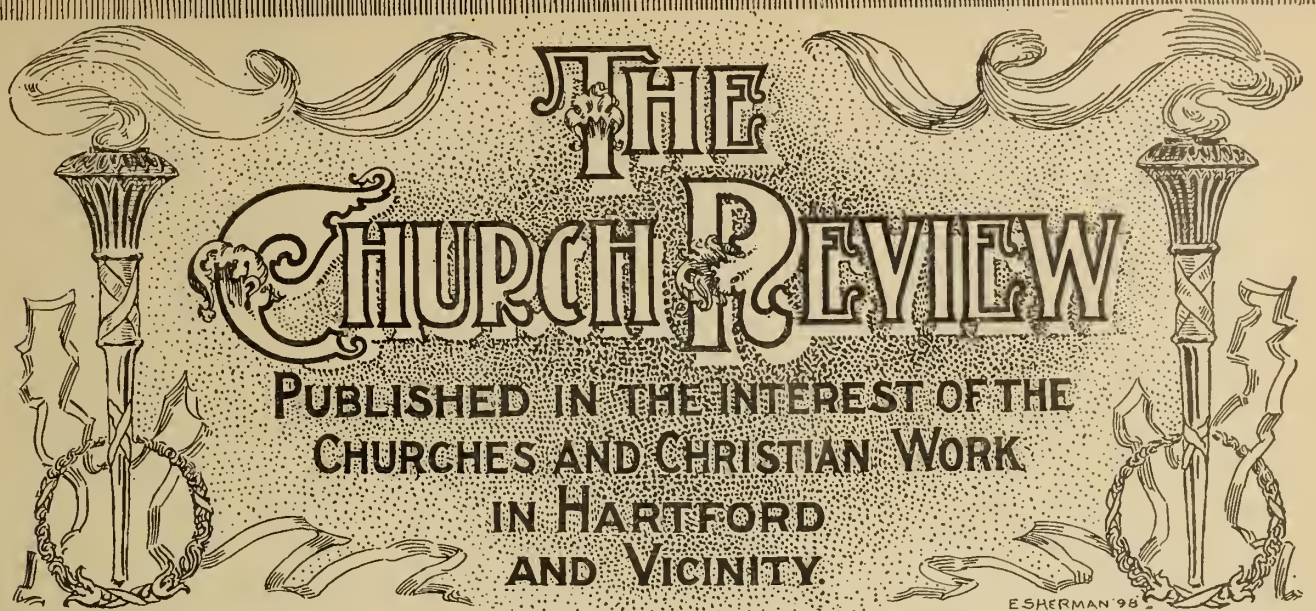
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One held unwritten in his heart
through years
A song for which his earthly lips were
mute,
Wherein were blended prayer, and
peace, and tears,
Regret and hope which heaven shall
bring to fruit,
A song unsung to mortal harp or lute.
Yet in his life the rhythmic fall of days
Love-tuned, the cadenced years of min-
istry
Wrought out before the Lord, a chant
of praise
Which now his choirs are singing by
that sea
Where many mansions be.

One prayed in vain to paint the vision
blest
Which shone upon his heart by night
and day,
For homely duties in his dwelling
pressed,
And hungry hearts which would not
turn away,
And cares which still his eager hands
bade stay.
The canvas never knew the pictured
Face,
But year by year, while yet the vision
shone,
An angel near him wondering bent to
trace
On his own life the Master's image
grown,
And unto men made known.
—Mabel Earle in The Sunday School
Times.

EASTERTIDE.

Rev. Magee Pratt.

The time of the singing of birds is
come.—Song of Solomon.

As I sit in my room with the window
open, on a tree near the house there
are a number of birds, only sparrows
I think—yet the chirping of so many
in unison makes their sound seem al-
most a continuous song, and listening
carefully I can easily recognize a fresh
tone in their music, the melted warmth
of the sunshine flowing through the
throats of the happy birds, taking
away the harshness of their call, giv-

ing even to the homely sparrow some-
thing of the melody of the Jubilate.
It is the first real sign of spring I have
heard from any living thing this year,
and it has a borrowed music in it, the
birds herald a new life, richer, sweeter
than their own; they have the hint of
a love song they can never sing in
the notes they make, and by some
subtle power that I do not understand
they awaken within my heart both
memories and hopes as they tell of the
glorious springs I have known that
have passed away forevermore, and in
the midst of the inexpressible regrets
I feel for the lost things of life, still
witness for hope and courage as they
promise new Easter joys of life in the
days that now are near.

How like life is; to monarchs and
beggars the real things of this
world make the same appeal; hu-
man emotions of pain and fear, or
of gladness and rapture, touch all their
hearts in the same strange way; the
wayside wanderer looks over the bar-
ren earth and his heart stands still
with fear, the throned ruler of mighty
peoples finds no charm in the winter's
reckless rule, the poorest man will
stand still with happiness when he
hears for the first time the robin's
song, the day when the birds begin
to sing gives joy in the palaces of
earth, time, rank, culture have no
power over God's elemental things, and
all men rejoice when the time of the
singing birds has come. The words
are part of a king's love-song in some
spring time long ago, and they tell
us much that is good to remember.
That the conditions that banish cold-
ness, remove fear, lighten our souls of
infinite pain, strengthen us with the
secret of new endeavor are ever the
same and always unchangeable, that
life which manifests itself in power
and love and beauty, and always in-
creases in the charm of its multiplied
manifestations, is the only condition
in which the harmonies of God can be
created to wrap the souls of men in
the comfort of an infinite peace.

I do not think we comprehend the
mystery and meaning of the resurrec-
tion quite so clearly as we might. We
think of it as something that bestows
life, believe that it gave life to the

Christ, and when we think of the
spring as the earth symbol of the
resurrection we make the same mis-
take. We imagine the sunshine and
the showers give life to the earth, and
no thought can be further from the
truth than this. The tree with bare
branches, showing their tracery against
the sky, is alive in every part of it;
the clot of earth under the barren
surface of the land are all alive,
though no green flush of grass shires
at our feet; in the heart of the seeds
there is the life-germ, quiet—but as
real as when afterwards it blushes in
the scarlet and gold luster of the flower.
And the Christ was alive somewhere
before the angel at the gate in the
glory of the morning told the story of
his victory over death and hell to
cheer a loving woman's heart. And
the man's soul is alive, though God's
love-songs never reach his dull ears,
and all about him in dreary stretches
of desolate barrenness lie the path-
ways for his feet.

But think of this: there are some
things that will have life only when it
is at its highest and its best; the latent,
undeveloped immature condition of
the life principle is not for them; as
soon as life begins to fail in its ac-
tivity they leave it; they are the crown
and glory of earth's visible things,
shunning its imperfections and its
failures. If life is at its healthy spring
or flood tide you see and hear them;
when it ebbs they hasten away; the
flowers wither when the days grow
short and the falling leaf warns the
songsters of the air to hasten away to
summer days in distant lands; they
will not stay with us when the life
force grows weak and makes itself
ready for its winter rest. And when
you hear the birds sing again, you
know that nature's sleep is over; she
is robing herself in her garments of
beauty once more, weaving coronets
of flowers for her head, and walking
forth on her pilgrimage of blessing to
enrich the life of the world.

And if Easter time has any meaning
for us it is that the Christ is some-
where where we can see and hear Him,
feel the blessing of His presence in the
orbit of our lives, be conscious of an
awakening response of spiritual ac-

HAYTI.

"A Black Republic."

tivity in our own souls as He turns the splendor of His loving face upon the sorrow and the weariness of our lot, and know that stealing into the sad silences that have troubled us there are faint chords of heavenly harmonies that are tremulous with the promise and peace of God.

The terror and horror of this world is the death in life that is everywhere about us. What could the people that loved Him have felt when the grave closed over the Christ and they thought they should see His face no more! Yet there are multitudes of men who bear the burden of a dead Christ about with them; they have known His deeds of power, heard His words of wisdom, are conscious of His sacrificial death, but His resurrection is for them an idle story; there is no virtue in their lives, no love in their hearts, only selfishness and hate and sin; for them no song of innocence and happiness sings itself through the lengthening days, no flowers of peace and goodness glow in the desert of their lives; they live in the winter and the night, blind mid the morning hours when Christ comes to comfort those who sorrow over His death, wasting in worldly pleasures the even-time when He walks with His disciples as they journey on their homeward way.

The time of the singing of birds is come. If it is an Easter song for us, in their music there will be some messages from God, for He gave them all their songs. Even in the sparrows' joy today I hear an echo of it, and it sings of triumph always, it tells us that life is stronger than death, love and beauty, the regnant forces in the universe of God.

A friend said to me once, "I could not be a Christian, I have too much to try me in my life," and I told him that there were two ways of looking at the things we see, and all eternity depends upon the method of our vision. We may believe that sin, sorrow, the world's base evil things, are the strongest, and our faith is the death-knell of our lives. If we stay where we are there is no resurrection from the grave of our despair. Or, we may be sure that Truth, Love, Honor are the attributes of God, and though opposed and hated will surely triumph at last; and knowing this, let the winter of our lives last long as it may, and its cold chills freeze our souls; yet in God's good time the spring and summer are sure to come, and the birds to sing again.

There never was a winter that conquered a spring time yet. I have known frosts that blighted the spring-time bloom, and seen dead birds who came from sunny lands too soon lying on the sward silent forever; death wins victories on the frontiers of life sometimes, but they are always partial and unavailing. Life is the strongest; it always wins in the end. And it wins because it is at the heart of things; it is sum and center of all. And the birds borrow their love-songs out of the sky; it is liquid sunshine that floats out of their rapture-filled hearts. Let their message fill our own this Easter time, and then when the Sabbath morning of the resurrection dawns we shall go into the house of the Lord as Mary went into the garden. Only we with full faith shall be looking for the risen Christ, and when we see Him He will show us more of the meaning and tell us some of the melody of life.

For the brief period of its known history, Hayti has an extraordinary quantity of moldy, extremely dilapidated monuments of its past. The eye lights upon some of them almost as soon as you come within view of the entrance to the chief northern harbor at Cape Haytien. Just inside the eastern angle of the cape, overhanging the deep water of the ocean, begins, with old Fort Picolet, a gray line of an antique, crumbling military works, that once looked formidable, no doubt, to seamen behind smooth-bore cannon of the last century, but are now as innocuous and useless as the tumbling down or tumbled-down castles of the Rhine. Nothing, however, to nineteenth century eyes, could be odder or more picturesque. Vines, shrubbery and forest trees have invaded them, and from the low, sloping bluff toward incoming ships are wafted the rich, spicy odors of tropic efflorescence. As the steamer threads the short, narrow channel past the western end of a long double line of foam-crested reefs, which afford a safe enclosure to the port, you may discern, twelve miles distant, and directly before you, beyond the great Plaine du Nord, the slender twin peaks, on one of which, at its very summit, Henri Christophe, as king, erected the wonderful citadel, La Ferriere, and near its foot the fastidious palace, Sans Souci. Both look down upon the scenes of the most thrilling events of the career of Toussaint L'Ouverture, from the ancient plantation, La Breda, on which he was born, to the square in front of the present ruins of the magnificent government house in Cape Haytien, where his brother's son was executed by his order. But from the anchorage nothing is seen of this once splendid seat of authority, not even the fragment of a wall, though it occupied a commanding plateau, above the cathedral plaza, which itself dominates the city. The most conspicuous building is the Sisters' hospice, with red roofs and white walls, ensconced under the very shoulder of a green-clad mountain, from which an earthquake once heaved another shoulder, burying whole streets of houses and families beneath hillocks of rock, trees and soil, hundreds of feet deep. All along the alluvial shore toward Picolet, for a distance of nearly a mile, and even on the lower slope of the adjoining mountain, are the pitiful ruins wrought by the earthquake of 1842, a tragedy equal in horror, though not in magnitude, to that of Lisbon.

The only notable modern establishments at Cape Haytien are the Club and the Savonnerie, the latter an industrial enterprise based partly upon American and partly upon West Indian capital, which illustrates the rare possibility of making a financial success of concessions obtained from the jealous, narrow and childish Port au Prince government. A concession for a railway, from Cape Haytien to the interior of the northern logwood district, which, if built at once, will be the first in the Black Republic, except a steam tramway in Port au Prince, seems to promise realization, though there is no telling what greedy or whimsical obstacle the oligarchs of the hour may place in its path. A thousand industrial concessions could thrive in Hayti if only effective guarantees of fair and honorable treatment could be obtained

from the government.

Twelve hours suffice for a slow steamer to round the northwestern corner of Hayti, past the imposing portal of the Mole St. Nicholas Bay, and to traverse, by way of the St. Marc channel, the great Gulf of Leogane, arriving off the Fort-Islet at Port au Prince, where the handsome gunboats of the Haytian navy, with dirty and lazy black seamen lounging on their decks, lie like so many stagnated hulks, close about the anchorage for merchantmen. The trade wind was left behind on passing the Mole; it is hot here—blistering, breathless. Crude duplicity marks the dealing of the young blacks who clamor from their heavy skiffs at the side of the steamship for the landing of yourself and luggage. The prices are in Haytian paper, which, by the way, represents a premium of from 150 to 225 on gold; but even at this highly inflated rate an ugly, villainous, malignant-looking fellow in military cap and trousers, a Haytian conscript with license to labor for his own and his officers' benefit, with whom a rather loosely worded bargain is made, his language being chiefly patois, tries to induce you to pay four prices. You are landed at last, and taken in a shabby open cab to the Hotel du Palais on the Champ de Mars, the grand government plaza. There the dispute with the harbor porter declares itself, speedily reaching a point where he rushes out into the roadway from the office, seizes a small boulder and returns to menace the Gaudalupe garcon, who has taken your part, with a fracture of the skull. A very black policeman, cocamacaque in hand, comes, hears the harbor villain's story with ostentatious gravity, and decides against you. You make a protest in the most vigorous French that you can reduce to phrases within his comprehension, and presto!—he changes his decision. More frantic debate by the villain and the head garcon, and the issue is again joined. You put in what you esteem a clever and highly judicious comment. Hesitation on the part of the policeman. But the head garcon intimates for him that if monsieur will take into full account the policeman's very great zeal, the harbor porter may be paid so much, and be off with him! Renewed frantic recrimination. The porter is paid so much—rank robbery at that—but continues to howl his objurations until he is driven from the premises with stern menaces. Then the policeman poses half sullenly for his *douceur*, and when he gets it, thanks you with an air of envious hatred.

This first introduction to the capital of the republic of Hayti, initiates you into a knowledge of the prevailing attitude of the vast majority of the common urban population toward white foreigners. The educated and the official class share it to a much greater extent than one without actual knowledge of the facts would think probable. The white is to most Haytians a legitimate victim for every kind of imposition, extortion and apparently motiveless persecution. But this hostility is never bold; it "takes no chances;" it is the delight of a nature still savage at bottom, in wreaking its cruel will upon the helpless. Show once that you are not helpless or that you can be avenged, and there is an end to the extreme pretensions to the contents of your purse or to other things that you hold dear. This lesson furnishes a key to that side of the Haytian character

which most concerns the nations who may seek improved commercial and other relations with the black islanders. The history of the country shows that cruelty, sensuality, envy and superstition have ever been the most striking Haytian traits. They still are so; and these qualities await only the occasion to bring them forth again into full prominence. Another Hyppolite may, at any time, seize the machinery of despotism which is throned in the so-called republic, and indulge the sullen craze for butchery which is latent in the brains of most of his countrymen.

News, or what passes for news, in Port au Prince is chiefly aired on the public streets, and in two or three principal cafes and barrooms. The local journalism is wholly ridiculous. The club, which, like that at Cape Haytian, is of mixed membership, is not largely frequented, but it is a good place in which to study the manners of the native "gentleman." In most things he is imitative. In all that appears on a cursory examination you see in him but a dark replica of the ordinary middle-class Frenchman of the provinces. The stamp of the oppressors of colonial Hayti remains distinct, indelible. This is a most curious phase of social evolution. Though the Haytians have so great a traditional hatred of the whites, they esteem anything that is French most highly. Nearly all their contracts for public works which cannot be filled in their own country go to France. On the metallic frames of public buildings, such as churches of recent date and the custom house and market sheds erected under Hyppolite, you may see the mark in raised letters of a Havre iron-founder. No doubt, if a fair opportunity were given them, American concerns could have furnished this material at a less cost than any in Europe.

The educated Haytian does not mind so much being swindled, provided it is done by the compatriots, perhaps even the descendants of his former masters. His manners in public are superficially excellent, but they have more than the Gallic insincerity. And the underlying barbarism crops out at odd moments. Once, at the Port au Prince club, a large, fine bat flew into the billiard room and was caught just outside in the court yard by the steward. A mulatto Haytian seized it and, with a hammer and some small nails, fastened it up on the outer wooden wall of the club house. Instinctively all the other Haytians of the place (it was about the middle of the afternoon) crowded about him and the victim. His eyes a-gleam with cruel expectancy, he hastened to relight his cigarette, and with the ardent end began to torture the bat, first blinding it and then applying the fire to its other very sensitive points. The poor creature squealed in agony, and the Haytians laughed and gloated over the entertainment. "It is fine fun!" cried one of them. My informant, an American, would have stopped their sport by means of a powerful muscular argument, but that he was a guest of the club, admitted by card, and bound to regard them as his hosts. He left the place at once in angry disgust and never set foot in it again.

It is in the Haytian nature to be cruel for the sake of cruelty. Hyppolite, riding along one day, when at the height of his blood-mania, saw on the upper terrace of a house a poor old, obscure, decrepit tailor, whom he did not even know and who, as it proved, did not know him, and was absolutely

innocent of politics. The tailor, though he removed his hat to the bedizened dignitaries, failed to rise from his chair as they were passing. "Take that man down," said the president-despot to two of his soldiers. The man was taken down. "Take him away and shoot him!" was the next order. This was instantly executed, in spite of the pitiful pleading of the victim.

It is far less easy to get to the president of Hayti than to Mr. McKinley of the White House. The pavilion-like palace in the Champ de Mars, surrounded by its little park, enclosed by a tall iron grating, with lookout boxes at the angles, a large and strong military barrack at the rear, and field cannon posted here and there, could stand a considerable siege, and, with a faithful garrison, would be proof against almost any mob attack. There is no end of etiquette involved in the approach to Son Excellence. Yet I was favored with fortunate opportunities for seeing Mr. Simon Sam. Tall and massive, with an immense paunch, and features and hue

to Bizoton and the Riviere Froide, or to Petionville and La Coup or the occasional watching of a sunset from the upper side of the Champ de Mars, in company with a gossiping crowd of gentlemen of leisure and foreigners of more or less distinction around a table in the open air, before a modest, primitive cafe. No natural spectacle that I have ever witnessed and I have seen the sun sink behind the waters of the Bay of Naples, of the Bay of Panama and of the Pacific off the Golden Gate ever excelled this one. In May, to one stationed on the Champ de Mars, the day-star disappears exactly behind the mountains on the Island of Gonave in the Gulf of Leogone. When the evening haze hangs over this island, the transient and shifting color effects are most remarkable. So splendidly solemn is the picture, that one can think of nothing less than a mystic holocaust offered at the grand altar of Heaven by a priesthood of angels.

Port au Prince is in some respects like a medieval capital. The curfew



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that are typically African, as you gazed at him in his sumptuous uniform, gorgeous with gold lace and a brilliant silk scarf, you could not help picturing to your mind's eye his hypothetical appearance as a mid-African chief, with huge feathers in his topknot, only a rattle-beaded clout about his loins, a nail-studded war club in one hand, and about him a band of dusky savages more naked than himself, instead of these strutting gentlemen in tall hats and European clothes, and these other prancing gentlemen in gaudy trappings, with tinkling spurs and jingling swords. President Sam, however, was not a man to be personally feared. It is understood that in state affairs he was almost wholly guided by his ministers, of whom Brutus St. Victor, in charge of the foreign department, and Tancrede Auguste, of the department of the interior, are probably the ablest.

There are a few pleasureable variations of course, such as horseback rides

rings at 10 o'clock, and after that hour any one who is abroad is certain to be gruffly challenged on the principal streets by pickets, and very likely may be arrested. A judicious payment of money may effect his release; otherwise he will lie in a foul and infected lock-up all night. The town, in any of the lesser quarters, is quaint and semi-barbaric in appearance. After the curfew the streets are so deserted that the solitude becomes weird.

The Fort National, at Port au Prince, is a natural citadel, dominating not only the city, the harbor and the suburbs, but also the southern edge of the vast Plaine ru Cul de Sac. The jealous suspicion with which strangers are kept at a distance from it is sometimes amusing, when one remembers that any modern fleet could silence all of its guns and blow its ramparts to pieces in five minutes. It could be made, however, a most formidable work. The curious gateway, fortifications or por-

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tails at the northern and southern extremities of the city, and the beautiful gray fortress above Bizoton, on the mountain side, are abandoned and ruinous, and the Fort Islet is of no present account except as the site of a light-house.

Of hotels, there are none worthy of the name in all Hayti; and of restaurants, those of which the cuisine and service are simply endurable can be counted on the fingers of one hand. Of the few industrial establishments, those in which the exquisite Haytian coffee is cleaned and bagged are most interesting, because of the picturesqueness of the figure groups which one may see there. Every minute of the day affords also new variety in the quaint scenes to be observed in the urban and village streets.

At the church of Stratfieldsaye, where the Duke of Wellington was a regular attendant, a stranger was preaching; and, when he ended, the vergier went up the stairs, opened the pulpit door a little way, slammed it to and then opened it wide for the preacher to go out. The preacher asked the vergier in the vestry why he had shut the door again while opening it;

From a wretched hovel to a comfortable bed in the hospital a poor, sick girl in Topeka, Kan., was taken by the missionary committee of the First Congregational Endeavorers. The society raised \$100 for her comfort, and she is now convalescing in a private home, where the Endeavorers meet her once a week.

Dr. Clark's call to prayer for a great spiritual awakening, which met with such a hearty response in this country, was printed in the German Christian Endeavor papers, and over 1,200 responses came to Secretary Blecher of the German union, besides a number direct to Dr. Clark. One society emblazoned the response, "I will," on the windows of its room as a reminder.

A Christian Endeavor wedding that bridged two centuries was performed by Rev. James H. Pette, at Okayama, Japan, one minute past midnight, January 1, 1901. The beginning of the day is reckoned from the parallel of latitude near Okayama, so this was probably the first wedding of the cen-

also been shown by carefully tabulated statistics that the denominations that keep records of missionary offerings of Christian Endeavor societies received, in 1898, over \$300,000 from that source.

One of the first things a girl should be taught is that wealth and social position count for nothing unless united with purity of thought and life and honesty of purpose. Until such standards are required by young women in choosing their husbands the marriage relation cannot be what God intended it to be—the highest type of earthly happiness.—From "Girlhood to Womanhood," by Sallie Joy White, in the January Woman's Home Companion.

There are 300,000 "felled" girls in or country, one-fourth of them from Christian homes. They have been gotten into the haunts of shame through the trickery and wiles of those engaged in the traffic in girls caused by the traffic in strong drink. Their average life is five years. 60,000 girls are dragged down to this life every year; 5,000 every month; 170 every day; or a young life blasted in our land every eight minutes. Father! Mother! your little girl is not safe!—Searchlight.

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Because a mining proposition does not promise the earth, but promises only what it honestly believes it can realize, and when such conservative promise is good enough to earn from 100 to 300 per cent. on investment, should such a proposition not command attention?

Sometime back, two young men concluded that they had found something which, while almost in plain sight to those accustomed to reasons upon such matters, was yet overlooked by the most sagacious owners of the Comstock Lode.

They reasoned that rich deposits of ores on two sides of a given section must either pass through such sections or have a main lodgment in the section spoken of. Without imparting their belief to any but a few moneyed men in San Francisco, they were enabled to obtain control of the neglected spot. Thereupon they made arrangements to approach their lode from the adjoining shaft, working faithfully to find the bonanza they were after.

Fair acted as superintendent, and Mackay his assistant, the latter being a carpenter by trade, had ample opportunity to utilize his mechanical experience. After patient work, and many vicissitudes, during which ridicule was not wanting, the great world renowned bonanza was discovered, and all connected therewith became rich in proportion to their holdings.

The Guadalupe is a similar proposition. It is in the same mineral range running from Mexico to Alaska, along the Pacific coast. The advertisement of this company appears on another page.



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and the vergier replied, "We always do that, sir, to wake the duke."—Good Words.

The Indianapolis Press describes a new departure in church architecture.

The structure being erected by the congregation of the Central Christian church of Columbus, Ind., will have the novel distinction of being the only church in Christendom that will have a roof-garden. It is the intention to use the roof-garden for summer services, especially for Sunday evenings, and for week-day socials and entertainments. The seating capacity of this novel auditorium will be as large as the first floor of the church, which will be used for winter services only. A slate roof will be erected over the open auditorium for protection in case of sudden rainstorms, but the sides will be entirely open, except that screen wiring will be placed entirely around it for protection from insects. It is proposed that potted plants of various kinds be placed in convenient places in the open auditorium.

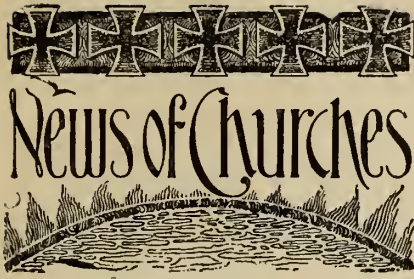
ture. The contracting parties were missionary Endeavorers.

Buddhist priests in Japan are frequent purebasers of the Bible. In one case, a priest had not the money, but begged it in order to get a copy.

"Our converts," says Rev. J. Hudson Taylor, speaking of the Chinese Christians, "never miss a church meeting if they can attend it. Some will walk twenty miles to a prayer meeting."

Seventeen hundred letters were written by Kentucky Endeavorers as New Year's greetings to the prisoners in the state penitentiaries.

Of timely interest in connection with Christian Endeavor's twentieth birthday celebration in Portland, Me., January 31-February 3, is the statement made by Secretary Baer at the Detroit convention, 1899, that over a million and a half of church members had come out of the ranks of Christian Endeavor in the last ten years. It has



CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

A largely attended service was held Sunday, February 24, at the church, in which the Clan Gordon society and the Sons of St. George participated, in memory of Queen Victoria.

The rector made the principal address and shorter addresses were made by the Rev. W. W. Breckenridge and the Rev. J. B. Connell.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew have been holding meetings on Thursday evenings at the Memorial house. They are quite active and have well attended meetings, with a social time after.

Thursday, March 21, Mr. Huntsinger of the business college will give an address on "Success in Life."

The state convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will be held in this city in June.

The rector is preparing a supplementary class for confirmation. There was a large class confirmed in January, but nine more persons have signified their desire to be confirmed since, and Bishop Brewster will visit the church early in June to confer the rite.

The February meeting of the Men's league was held Thursday, February 21. It was well attended and was addressed by Mr. J. Gilbert Calhoun on the "Political Outlook for the Century." It was a highly interesting address and had the closest attention of the audience.

Miss E. Hyde sang two or three songs and light refreshments and a social time followed.

The March meeting was held Thursday, March 21. Mr. Edmund Hudson of "The Hartford Times" staff gave an address on "The Making of the Modern Newspaper."

The Lenten services have been well attended, especially the Friday evening services.

OPEN HEARTH.

The work is still increasing and the meetings are fully attended. It is gratifying to note the large number who have come to the Open Hearth almost despairing of any human help and have there found that the help they needed was not of this world, but from one ever ready to save.

The number who during the winter season have professed their intention of leading better lives is larger than ever and it is evident that they propose to "continue in well doing."

During the season of Lent Superintendent Miller gives on each Thursday evening an address to children and mothers illustrated by magic lantern pictures of sacred subjects from the life of Our Lord and showing His love for us. These lectures are looked forward to from week to week and are both interesting and instructive. The meetings Sunday afternoon bring in

numbers who are wandering about the streets and, lasting an hour from 3:30 to 4:30 o'clock, do not take time from other duties. The services on Sunday evening are always crowded and it is many times impossible to seat all who come. The coming season promises to be one of increasing usefulness at the Open Hearth and should have the prayers and assistance of all who would assist in the work of raising those who have fallen and restoring to society some who for talents and ability are nowise behind the ablest of our citizens.

SOUTH BAPTIST.

The King's Daughters held a social and musical at the home of the leader, Mrs. Frank Dixon, on the evening of March 15th. A very enjoyable program was rendered, after which refreshments were served.

On Monday evening, February 25, the Christian Endeavorers held a prayer meeting at the Old Folks' Home. Quite a number attended and the service was much appreciated by the inmates who were present.

The King's Daughters are packing a box to go to the Orphanage in Alaska. Any contributions for the same will be gladly received and can be left at Mrs. Dixon's No. 28 Capitol avenue.

The C. E. society voted at a business meeting, held February 12th, to give five minutes before each meeting to missions. These few moments prove very interesting ones, and it is surprising how much can be said in a short space of time.

The church gave a supper and roll-call March 6th in the chapel which was largely attended.

The pastor, Rev. Frank Dixon has lately published a small pamphlet, entitled "Why Every Man Ought to Go to Church," which he will be glad to mail to anyone sending him their address.

WETHERSFIELD METHODIST.

Sunday, March 3, Elder Adams preached at the evening service, after which the quarterly conference was held. Our pastor tendered his resignation.

Tuesday evening, March 5, there was a donation party at the parsonage.

Friday evening the ladies of the church gave a ten-cent supper, which was very well attended.

March 28 Grace Preston Hodgkins will give a recital for the benefit of the church. Miss Hodgkins's ability is well known and we hope to have a full house. The recital is to be in Grange hall.

FIRST METHODIST.

On the evening of February 22, Dr. Roland D. Grant gave his lecture on "The Columbia River" in the church. This was his second engagement by the church this winter, and was given under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society and the Epworth League.

Rev. E. L. Thorpe, a former pastor of the church, is chairman of the New York excursion committee for the Epworth League convention to be held in San Francisco in July. He has appointed Charles W. Squires of Hartford as his assistant. Information regarding the trip may be had by addressing him at 52 Park street.

The Rock Concert Company gave an

entertainment in the church under the auspices of the Epworth League Wednesday evening, March 13. Mr. William Till, the director, spent eleven years in perfecting the instrument that is the feature of his concerts. It is made entirely of rocks discovered in the Cumberland Mountains, England, and produces chords more accurate than those of a grand piano. Mr. Till clearly demonstrates that there are songs as well as "sermons" in stones. His daughters, Miss Mildred Till, vocalist, and Miss Esther Till, elocutionist, accompany him.

The Hartford group of Epworth Leagues will hold its next meeting in our church, Friday, March 29. There will be afternoon and evening sessions. Rev. H. I. Inayer of West Suffield is president of the group.

SUFFIELD STREET CHAPEL.

We still continue to have a large attendance at our Sunday school, which is very encouraging. Mr. Buckley, superintendent of the school, asked the teachers to meet at his home last week Friday for tea, and a pleasant time was enjoyed.

A very good meeting was held last Friday evening by the Christian Endeavor Society, with about forty-five in attendance, and Brother Burnet of the home church as leader. The society expects to raise quite a sum of money this year to help support Dr. Bunker, one of our missionaries.

The choir, under the leadership of Miss Knox, is very busy with Easter music. The chief feature of the Easter exercises will be the cantata, "Death and Life," by Shelley. As it is quite difficult to get up such a program, it is hoped that we shall have a large attendance on Easter Sunday evening.

Some time during April, there will be an exhibition given by the Physical Culture Club, and all interested in such work will be pleased to see the Indian club drills, dumb-bell work, etc. Notices will be given later concerning the date, talent, etc., and tickets may be secured from members of the club, the proceeds to go to the chapel.

WETHERSFIELD BAPTIST.

Rev. Mr. Wright of Hartford is still occupying our pulpit, and his sermons are much appreciated.

The attendance and interest in church work here continues.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL, WEST HARTFORD.

On Monday evening, February 13, the monthly meeting of the Men's union was held in the chapel. M. A. Andrews presented an interesting paper upon "What the Ordinary Man Should Know About Banking." "Minute" talks were given by other gentlemen, and the pastor closed the exercises by describing the preparation of a young man for the ministry. Refreshments were served.

For the past six weeks "Neighborhood" prayer meetings have been held in the outlying sections of the town. Every Wednesday evening a meeting was held at the North, West and Elmwood school houses, each one being conducted by one of the acting ministers in town.

The Ladies' Home Missionary society was in charge of the service at the mid-week prayer meeting February 21.

On Friday evening, February 22, a parish social was held in the chapel. George Washington and other prominent characters were represented as part of the entertainment.

H. H. Spooner, ex-president of the Connecticut Christian Endeavor union, and well known temperance worker, spoke Sunday evening, February 24, upon "Christian Citizenship." The address was under the auspices of the West Hartford Temperance league, and, by request, had special reference to the Charter Oak park problem.

At the consecration service of the Christian Endeavor society Sunday evening, February 24, all the active members but one were present and answered the roll call.

Through the efforts of some of the ladies money was raised to purchase an organ for the primary department of the Sunday school.

FOURTH CHURCH.

The newly organized choir started in on the evening of March 10. There were nearly 60 members present and they made a splendid impression. It is a self-governing body, admitting only qualified members by its own vote. Mr. Benedict and his helpers have made a good beginning by setting up a high standard.

The Junior department of the Sunday school is getting down into good work. Perhaps there is more study here than in any other department of the school. A new feature is to hand out mimeographed questions on the lesson the Sunday previous. This leads to a study of the Book itself.

The woman's work progresses steadily, but quietly. The Daughters of the Covenant are studying India from a missionary point of view, under the lead of Miss Hume of the seminary.

Cottage prayer meetings are being held in different parts of the parish during Lent and great interest is being manifested.

The pastor's Bible class, under Mr. Tyler's leadership, is awakening to its possibilities. Friday, March 22, they held a social.

The young people's class, under Mr. Bosson had their annual supper early in the month, at which a large number of members and friends were present.

In the Sunday school for the next few months a special collection is being taken up for Rev. Howard S. Galt, our missionary in China.

Our Sunday school librarian, Mr. F. Adkins, a most valued helper, has left us to make his home in Springfield.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN.

February 2d was set apart for Foreign Mission Sunday and our Loyal Workers' society took up the subject at their evening meeting in the interest of India. Several selections were read, showing results of work done by our missionaries now in the field, and the pressing need of help for increasing responsibility. We did what we could at the present time and expect a similar meeting in April for home missions.

About a dozen persons accompanied our pastor to Plainville March 10th, on his monthly visit to the church in that place, for the afternoon service.

We are expecting to greet our former pastor, Rev. W. O. Higley, March 31st, as an arrangement for a pulpit exchange for that day is in progress.

Some of the many friends he made in this city outside of the church, during his pastorate here, may be glad of the opportunity to meet him again.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL — EAST HARTFORD.

At the last communion two young men, Messrs. William S. Hunting and Arthur H. Olmsted, were received into membership.

A very pleasant social under the direction of the social committee of the Endeavor society was held this month.

Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Tuthill opened the parsonage last week for the young people of the congregation, who were present in large numbers. A very delightful evening was spent with music, games and refreshments.

The quarterly conference of the Sunday school was held March 11. Rev. W. B. Tuthill was the speaker.

GLENWOOD CONGREGATIONAL.

On February 22 the Junior Endeavor society held a social. Games were played, after which light refreshments were served. The children enjoyed themselves very much.

The concert held February 20, under the auspices of the trustees, proved very successful, both as an entertainment and financially. The trustees wish to thank all those who so kindly assisted in making the concert a success.

Quite a number of the Christian Endeavor society attended the sectional meeting at the Prospect Avenue Chapter house on March 8. A very pleasing program was listened to by all.

Our Christian Endeavor society is well attended by the young people. We have ample room to accommodate more and would be pleased to have all our friends attend these meetings.

Our pastor is reading a very interesting story (written by himself) about the life of Abraham.

It is with regrets that we learn of the illness of Mr. Smith of Akron, O. Mr. Smith was our Sunday school superintendent for two years.

The number attending our mid-week prayer meetings is growing larger. This is very encouraging.

Our pastor's daughter is home from school on account of sickness there.

We are pleased to see Mrs. Robinson back among us again.

Friday, March 15, the children of the primary department gave a reception to their parents. Songs were sung and a pleasant evening was enjoyed.

We hope that many parents will be drawn to our services on account of this reception. Many of our Sunday school children's parents we have never met, and we are very desirous of doing so, as we believe they can help the children with their lessons if they are more interested in our work.

The Christian Endeavor society is to give an entertainment on March 26, called the "Labor Song."

NEWINGTON CONGREGATIONAL.

Rev. Herbert Macy was unable to attend the installation of Rev. Harry A. Beadle of Franklin. The church sent a letter of best wishes for his future in that town. Mr. Beadle joined this church and received his inspiration here to become a pastor.

Dr. Pleasant Hunter filled the pulpit

on March 3, Rev. Macy being confined to the bed.

There will be a meeting of the New Britain union of Christian Endeavor societies at the First church, New Britain, on Wednesday evening, March 13.

The Easter committee is preparing an exercise for Easter Sunday. Mrs. Jed. Deming and her class comprise the committee.

The Cheerful Givers are planning an entertainment to take place in the near future.

A Sunday school has been recently formed in the new school building at Elm Hill. Mr. Belden has taken charge for two Sundays, but Mrs. Sprickett is to be the superintendent. Mr. Herbert Francis furnishes music with his violin. About 25 were in attendance and a successful school is expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Lyons were received into the church by letter.

Letters of dismission were granted to Abigail Buck of Wethersfield and Harry A. Beadle of Franklin. Mrs. Buck joined in 1847.

We are in need of an organist in the church, Mrs. Deming being unable to attend to those duties.

Several of our members are confined to the house.

In the death of Mrs. William Willard this church loses a kind friend; although only spending a part of the summer in town, she had become one with us in fellowship.

WINDSOR AVENUE CONGREGATIONAL.

Neighborhood prayer meetings have been held for the past few weeks in connection with the special services which the pastor has been preaching on the claims of Christ.

Monday evening, March 11, a temperance address was given by Mr. Truman Spencer.

A series of talks on "Personal Work" have been given to the Y. P. S. C. E. by Rev. Mr. Peabody and by Mr. Meserve from the seminary.

A Current Event club has been organized among the young men of the congregation.

Wednesday evening, February 27, a social and reception was given by the Christian Endeavor society.

On the evening of March 8 the Ladies' Aid society gave a supper and entertainment which was a financial success.

Friday evening, March 15, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Raymond Pierce, impersonators, gave an entertainment under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor society.

SOUTH CONGREGATIONAL. EAST HARTFORD.

We are pleased to welcome to our church and community the Rev. Mr. Bliss and family.

The Ladies' Aid society in connection with the Endeavor society and King's Daughters have appointed committees to arrange for parish socials that are to be held occasionally.

Our young people are arranging for a drama to be given about the first of April for the benefit of the church.

Mr. Mumford of Hartford occupied the pulpit March 10. He was at one time a resident of this place.

At the temperance meeting of the Endeavor society our pastor, the Rev. Mr. Bachelor, spoke of the statement

made in our town court at a trial of the illegal liquor sellers, "that the people of East Hartford viewed the sale of liquor the same as they viewed the sale of groceries." He thought the statement was erroneous and asked all others who thought so to rise. Every one of the audience rose. Our members are justly indignant that the sentiments of the good people of our town have been so misrepresented.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Raymond Pierce of the Cummock School of Oratory, Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., have been secured by the Ladies' Aid society to give an entertainment next Friday evening. They will be assisted by a male quartet, Miss Weir pianist, and Miss Crosby vocalist.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER.

It is with much regret that the members of the Church of the Redeemer received the resignation of its pastor, Rev. F. W. Perkins. Mr. Perkins has accepted a call from the Universalist church of Haverhill, Mass., and will complete his duties with this society May 1. He has become endeared to all who are connected with the church, and will be greatly missed. One and all join in wishing him God speed in his new field of labor.

A committee of seven has been appointed from the church, Sunday school and Young People's guild to confer in regard to calling a new pastor.

The Young People's guild has just completed a course of lectures which proved a great success financially. On March 29 the members of the guild are going to Meriden to participate in a rally meeting, which is to arouse enthusiasm in all to attend the annual convention at Stamford April 12 and 13.

SOUTH BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Woman's Missionary Society reports \$200 given to Baptist missions; also \$75 contributed through barrels of clothing and household goods, during the past year.

The King's Daughters are preparing clothing for our Baptist orphanage in Kadiak, Alaska.

Much good, we believe, has been done by the systematic calling of our pastor during the winter.

The King's Daughters gave a very enjoyable social last Friday evening at the home of the leader, Mrs. Dixon. Singing by Mrs. Reynolds and Mr. Prior were special features of the evening.

Two of our active workers, Mr. George D. Jamieson and Miss Hattie A. Lord, were married recently.

There has been much sickness among us this winter, and, too, we mourn the death of several members.

Several have united by letter lately and one boy by baptism. We hope this is only the beginning.

WINDSOR CONGREGATIONAL.

The building of a new parish house has been decided upon and a subscription paper for the raising of money is being circulated.

A. E. Narvon, a native of Jerusalem, gave an interesting lecture in the chapel Wednesday evening, February 27, on the people of his native country and their customs.

Mrs. Eunice Loomis, an aged mem-

ber of our church, died March 5.

The Endeavor society is endeavoring to raise \$100 for the new parish house and gave a supper March 13, which brought them \$15 for this purpose.

NEW BRITAIN AVE. MISSION.

Mr. Richard Joslyn who has had a long siege of illness is out again and is receiving many congratulations on his recovery from his serious illness. Mr. Joslyn is a prominent worker amongst us, being on the devotional committee. Mr. Fisher of the Theological seminary has been looking after matters in that line during Mr. Joslyn's absence in a most satisfactory way.

The music under the direction of Miss Alice L. Agard has been a feature of the past season. Mr. E. H. Northrup a most talented cornetist has been heard twice during the interval, assisting greatly in the musical program. Special music is in preparation for March 31, Missionary Sunday, also for Easter Sunday.

The Theological seminary has furnished several pulpit supplies recently, some of the students and professors kindly appearing.

In place of Prof. Pratt of the seminary, who was unable to appear, Mr. Miller of the Open Hearth preached to us on the 17th.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST.

The mission work has lately been reorganized among the children and young people. Two societies have been formed, one called the Mission Circle of the Sunday school, which is composed of the young people, and the other, which is for the children, called the Willing Workers.

The Mission Circle held a very interesting meeting on Friday evening, February 8. The subject for the evening was China. Papers and interesting facts were given about the people and their customs, and also of the missionary work there.

The first Sunday in March was observed as Memorial Circle Day. At the morning service a list of the members who have passed away during the last few years was read by the pastor. There was special singing by the chorus choir.

Miss Jameson, the president of the B. Y. P. U., has just returned from a visit to Washington, D. C.

On Sunday evening, March 17, Rev. F. P. Haggard, a missionary from Assam, gave an address concerning his work, which was exceedingly interesting.

WARBURTON CHAPEL.

The season's work in the Sunday school from October 1 to March, has been one of marked interest and progress.

Since the first of March, many of the teachers and scholars have been sick, and on March 13, Bonneyline Brown Dorsey died of meningitis, after a two weeks' illness with the grip.

The mothers' meetings held on alternate Thursdays, are well attended.

Miss Louise M. Lee who supports our kindergarten, has returned to the work after an absence of two months with friends in New York.

On Friday evening, February 22, Miss Adeline Pye, assisted by Miss Annie Eldridge and Miss Florence Sexton en-

tertained the members of the Girl's club and then their mothers at the chapel.

A supper was given to the teachers and officers on Tuesday, February 26, to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of our Sunday school, which was organized in 1851 and met in a building on the corner of Potter and Commerce streets. The supper was provided by Mr. Charles R. Hansel and Mr. J. Coolidge Hills.

The teachers' meetings throughout season, have been of unusual interest. During the past month two meetings should be specially mentioned. One, when Rev. Frank Dixon spoke upon "The Work of the Teachers, Supplementary to Teaching" and the other when Dr. George M. Stone was present and read for us the first chapter of Genesis.

PLANS FOR FLOWER GARDEN.

This is now the season when the busy farmer and his good wife are daily made happy receiving the many flower and seed catalogues of all sizes and kinds. The farmer spending many pleasant hours during the long winter evenings planning for his crops and what he will plant in the spring. His good wife is happy selecting the flowers for her "old fashioned" garden of Phlox, Mignonette, Candytuft, etc. The lovers of flowers are also busy making arrangements for their beds of sweet flowers which will fill the summer months with their beauty and fragrance. Even the little children are begging their parents to buy seeds of Nasturtiums, Balsams, Marigolds and Sweet Peas for their little flower beds. Among all the catalogues received this season, none is so complete and so filled with exclusive novelties, new creations, bargains, and lists of first class seeds as the "Quarter Century Edition of the Farm Annual," published by W. Atlee Burpee & Co., of Philadelphia. This has been compiled with great care to celebrate their 25 years in the seed business. This Farm Annual is filled with beautiful colored plates, engravings, lucid descriptions of seeds and how to grow them, and a dainty cover lithographed in gold and ten colors, which has grown from a small pamphlet to a large book of 220 pages, with a circulation of 765,000, showing great progression in the knowledge and development of seeds. Several years ago when visiting a friend's garden, I noticed what especially fine plants he was raising and on inquiring was told that he bought his seeds from W. Atlee Burpee & Co., who were and are noted for selling seeds that are tested and warranted, and always grow.

This is very essential as only seeds that are first class, true, pure, and with strong germinative power are worth buying. One of the most essential factors in the successful garden, is the selection of good seed. The richest soil and the most thorough cultivation can in no way compensate for the losses incurred by the failure of seeds to grow, and money unwisely expended for seeds whose only recommendation is their cheapness, is worse than thrown away. Mr. Burpee, who is world renowned for the beautiful varieties of Sweet Peas which he has raised and introduced, deserves the thanks of the grateful flower lovers of America and England.

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A PERENNIAL EASTER.

The process of creation is one which is going on continually in the natural world, yet it is the creation of new forms rather than of new substances. The field of grain may find its nourishment in soil enriched by the decay of some primeval forest. The grain in turn may lend its nourishment to mankind, and when the dust of man mingles again with the earth, it may help nourish the living tree, or flower, or other vegetation. Nothing is lost and although it is inevitable that all these forms shall return to the dust again it is also sure that in God's own time they will reappear in new life.

What is this perpetual round of growth, decay and growth, but a perennial reminder of Easter. If Christ had not died there would have been no resurrection. And until death comes to us, we cannot partake fully of that new and larger life which is promised.

The spiritual life, however, is not subject to the laws of nature. It finds its source of life not in the decay of oth-

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er life, but at the fountain head of life itself. Spiritual life we may possess in a greater or less degree, but spiritual death is absolute and final. There is no resurrection for it. Spiritual life may rise from the dead self, and the process may be continual from day to day, and thereby constitute for us a perennial Easter.

Self-sacrifice through the Lenten period is splendid discipline for any of us, and it brings its sure increase of the spiritual life. But if for forty days, why not for the entire year, when the spiritual growth is sure to be in proportion?

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"I held it truth, with him who sings
To one clear harp in divers tones,
That men may rise on stepping-stones
Of their dead selves to higher things."

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IN THE PEWS.

Sleeping in church has nowadays gone mostly out of vogue, and happily so. Possibly it is because our modern pews are not so well adapted for slumber as formerly, and probably, too, the message from the pulpit has less of a narcotic influence than it had in days gone by. It is an unnecessarily far cry, perhaps, to go back to an old legend of the Rhine, but here is one which is humorous, and we can well believe possessed of more truth than most of the legends which are still told along the Rhine. It is entitled

"The Church Pillar."

"If you will only give me that stone, good friar," exclaimed a knight, as he struck his gauntleted hand against a stone in one of the pillars of the church at Heisterback on the Rhine; "if you will only give me that stone, you shall have a purseful of gold in exchange."

"Give you that stone, sir knight! What value can it possibly have in your eyes?" exclaimed the poor old friar, gazing at the knight in open-mouthed astonishment.

"Alas, good friar! a demon of sleeplessness and unrest haunts my pillow wherever I go. Here only I find repose, here only it dares not persecute me. When the opening service is ended, and I lean my head back against this stone, as a preparatory move toward directing all my attention to your sermon, my eyelids droop gently over my eyes, and my weary limbs relax in profound sleep. Some magic power must be concealed in this hard stone, good friar. I beseech you, therefore, grant my prayer."

The simple-minded friar, who fancied the knight was in earnest, gravely pondered the matter a while. Then he excused himself and went to consult the abbot, his superior, who listened to the

whole story with a humorous twinkle in his eye and finally said:

"Brother, go tell the noble knight that our church pillars cannot be molested, but that, since he has derived so much comfort from it, he had better take advantage of the stone's narcotic powers as often as possible, for the service which precedes the sermon may, in time, do good to his soul and prepare him to enjoy everlasting rest."

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There are congregations in Scotland where one-third of the audience appears to be asleep, but the preacher is afterward assured that these very hearers could give the best account of his sermon and are the keenest critics of his orthodoxy. They do not, however, form an exhilarating spectacle for the preacher, and his temptation will often be to say something heterodox in order to compel them to give some sign of interest—Ian Maclaren.

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GOOD LISTENERS.

The trouble in the pews now-a-days is not so much an absence of consciousness, as it is an absence of concentration. A sluggish mental atmosphere in the pews does not inspire the best effort on the part of the preacher. If his energy must be dissipated, like small scattered shot, in order to keep alert the intellect of his hearers, his message must suffer in consequence in most cases. Such sermons are likely to prove unprofitable to the hearer, and they are usually far from satisfactory to the preacher. Naturally he wishes to put the whole of his strength into his sermon, instead of looking in every direction for a favorable nod, like some auctioneer.

If he has a message worth hearing, he has a right to expect that his hearers will concentrate their thoughts in receiving, as much as he is expected to in delivering the sermon. Unless they are prepared to do so, they are not competent to judge rightly of either the preacher or his words. And while they recommend "a few up-to-date ideas" to him, all that is really needed is a little mental tonic for themselves. They do not fall asleep as in olden times—they are listening perhaps—but though they hear the words, they do not follow the thought. "Hearing, they hear not, neither do they understand."

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Unto the success of a sermon two people contribute, and without their joint efforts the sermon must be a failure. One is the preacher and the other is the hearer, and if some art goes to the composition of the sermon almost as much goes to its reception.—Ian Maclaren.

MR. CARNEGIE AS AN EDUCATOR.

Fifteen years ago Mr. Carnegie, writing on the subject of education, in his "Triumphant Democracy," said: "The moral to be drawn from America by every nation is this: 'Seek ye first the education of the people and all other political blessings will be added unto you. The quarrels of party, the game of politics, this or that measure of reform, are but surface affairs of little moment. The education of the people is the real underlying work for earnest men who would best serve their country. In this, the most creditable work of all, it cannot be denied that the republic occupies the first place.'"

And in the same chapter he says: "The republic has a remarkable list of educational institutions bestowed upon it by its millionaires. . . . Johns Hopkins alone having an endowment of \$5,000,000, the gift of one man."

These words become alive with interest in view of the remarkable and unprecedented gifts which Mr. Carnegie has recently made to the cause of education. Ordinarily it might be a reasonable query to ask if any man in the course of a lifetime could actually earn such a fortune as Mr. Carnegie's is reported to be. But the question will not be asked in his case, for by whatever methods it has been obtained, it cannot be denied that no one could have put it to better use than that of popular education.

The secret of Mr. Carnegie's public spirit may perhaps be found in his dedication of "Triumphant Democracy": "To the beloved Republic under whose equal laws I am made the peer of any man, although denied political equality by my native land, I dedicate this book with an intensity of gratitude and admiration which the native-born citizen can neither feel nor understand."

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There is no wealth but life. Life, including all its powers of love, of joy, and of admiration. That country is the richest which nourishes the greatest number of noble and happy human beings; that man is the richest who, having perfected the functions of his own life to the utmost, has also the widest helpful influence, both personal, and by means of his possessions, over the lives of others.—John Ruskin.

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EDUCATION IN THE PHILIPPINES.

One of the most important acts of the Philippine commission was that providing for a department of public instruction for the Philippine islands. At the time of the promulgation of this act it was briefly noticed in the cable news, but a copy of the act reached Washington this week. It gives the general superintendent, whose salary is \$6,000 a year, authority to establish

schools in every pueblo practicable and to reorganize established schools whenever he considers it necessary; also to appoint and regulate the salaries of division superintendents and to regulate the course of study. The archipelago is to be divided into ten school divisions, each with a superintendent, and there is to be a superior supervisory board, composed of the general superintendent and four members to be appointed by the Philippine commission. The English language is to be made the basis of all instruction as soon as practicable; the detail of soldiers as instructors pending the arrival of trained teachers is authorized, and the obtaining of 1,000 trained teachers from the United States, at salaries of not less than \$75 nor more than \$100 a month, the amount to be fixed by the general superintendent according to efficiency, is authorized. The act provides that no teacher or other person "shall teach or criticise the doctrines of any church, religious sect, or denomination, or shall attempt to influence the pupils for or against any church or religious sect in any public school," under penalty of summary dismissal from the public service. It provides further that the priest or minister of the pueblo where the school is situated may teach religion in the school buildings, one-half hour three times a week, to pupils whose parents desire it, but if that opportunity be used "for the purpose of arousing disloyalty to the United States, or of discouraging the attendance of pupils, or interfering with the discipline of the schools," the privilege shall be withdrawn. For school buildings \$400,000 is appropriated and for text books and other supplies \$220,000, for the present calendar year.

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BUSINESS AND PLEASURE.

Mrs. Kelly—So they sint your poor little Timmy t' th' reformatery? Such a good choild, too.

Mrs. Grady—Sure, and he wor thot, Mrs. Kelly. Iverything thot darlint iver shtole he'd bring roight home t' his muther.—Tit-Bits.

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Mr. W. E. Wallace has returned from his nurseries in the south, and announces the opening of his West Hartford Nursery, April 1. The stock will be an usually complete and choice one. Selections for spring planting should be made early. Catalogue will be sent upon application.

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Miss Pity—Poor fellow. Yours must be a terrible affliction.

Stone Blind—Well, yessum, in some ways it's pretty tough; but I can't read the Sunday papers.—Ainslee's Magazine.

Cumso—Well, Cawker, did you name your new baby George Dewey?

Cawker—No.

Cumso—You told me that was your intention.

Cawker—Yes.

Cumso—Then why didn't you?

Cawker—We decided, upon second thoughts, to name her Elizabeth.—Harper's Bazaar.

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At Seidler and May's, 306 to 318 Pearl Street, can be found a very attractive line of baby carriages and go-carts. A large stock of fine furniture now ready for inspection by spring buyers.

ADDITIONAL BOOK NOTICES.

Literary Friends and Acquaintances.

By William Dean Howells. 300 pages, crown 8 vo. New York: Harper & Bros. Price \$2.50.

"Fascinating" is the word to describe these memoirs of a man whose experiences with and knowledge of men and women of his own craft is wider perhaps than any contemporary public man. There is not a trace of egotism in his reminiscences, and yet the pictures given of his meetings with such men as Longfellow, Holmes, Emerson, Whittier and Parkman reveal much of the author's own literary beginnings, and make vivid his early struggles for recognition.

He was fortunate in coming into contact with men of such large calibre. The reader is fortunate in having so frank and critical a record of the character of a group of men worthy of especial admiration in our literary history.

It seems quite safe to assert that this is the most important work Howells has ever done in a literary way.

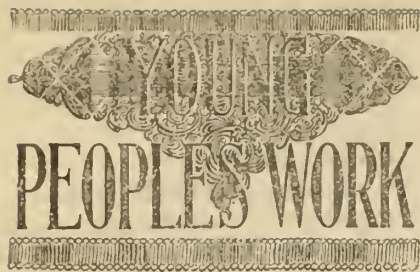
The book is copiously illustrated with photographs and drawings, many of which are new and of unique interest.

Winefred: A story of the Chalk Cliffs.

By S. Baring Gould. 309 pages, 12 mo. Boston: L. C. Page & Co. Price \$1.50.

A novel dealing with English life in the eighteenth century. The scenes are located partly in rural Devonshire and partly in aristocratic London.

The heroine is a girl living with her mother in a small village. There is an intangible cloud resting over the two owing to village gossip. Unhappiness is the feature of the heroine's life for some years, but she endures her cross with pluck and, of course, comes out all right in the end. There is a pleasing love story, and the book as a whole is an excellent and an interesting one.



HARTFORD UNION NOTES.

The directors of the entire Hartford union held a meeting Tuesday, March 19th, at 7:45 p. m., in Y. M. C. A. building, to plan for the April meeting of the union.

The sympathy of the union is hereby extended to our fellow-Endeavorer, William A. Willard, in his great loss sustained, that of the passing away of his wife, Eleanor Sheldon Willard. May he be endowed with strength from on high to help him bear this great loss.

The Central section of the Hartford union held one of the most interesting and successful meetings in its recent history Friday evening, March 8th, as guests of the Prospect Avenue S. S. society at the Chapter House. The praise service led by Rev. Mr. Fiske was enjoyed for some fifteen minutes, after which scripture reading and prayer. The main topic was the hearing from most of the societies on different phases of prayer meeting work, and many good points were touched upon.

The societies not responding to the foregoing, gave their ideal programs for Sunday's topic (March 10th) the "Castaway," and proved conclusively that interesting, helpful meetings can be held if some previous preparation has been made. The social time that followed was without precedent for sectional meetings. Solos were rendered by the Misses Louise Pratt and Grace Higgins of the Prospect avenue society, Miss Grace Lord of the West Hartford Congregational society gave recitations and Miss Eva Dickinson of the A. M. E. Zion proved to be a pleasant elocutionist of no small ability. Mr. Charles Plancon, who was heard in the cantata *Egypta*, given recently, also sang at this time very acceptably. Refreshments were served by the ladies of the Chapter House society. A vote of thanks was tendered the society for a most enjoyable evening passed. One notable feature of this sectional meeting was the fact that every society in the section was represented.

A meeting of the north western section of the Hartford union was held Friday, March 1st, with the Bloomfield Congregational society. The topic under consideration was "Membership Problems."

1. If no Junior society, how reach the Juniors?
 2. How make indifferent members different.
 3. Honorable honorary members.
- With such a program, it seems it could not help but be one of interest.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR PRAYER MEETING TOPICS.

(From the Presbyterian C. E. Manual.)

March 24.—What I owe to Christ. 2 Cor. 8:9; 1 Pet. 2:2-25.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

Our duty is our debt to Christ. Christ gave his life for us; we owe our life to him.

All that we may become, as well as all that we are, we owe to Christ.

Our righteousness is Christ's right. Our best belongs to him who withheld not his best from us.

Because we are healed by Christ's stripes we should walk in his steps.

Christ bore our sins on his cross; therefore we should bear his cross on our soul.

We owe rich lives to him who became poor for our sakes.

March 31.—Missions: Love of Souls. Rom. 10:1.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

Love of men is learned in the school of Christ.

Not until we love men as Christ loved them shall we be able to help them as he helped them.

The love of Christ constrains us to love for men.

We cannot lift men until we truly love them.

A passion for humanity is born of a passion for Christ.

Love is the supreme missionary motive.

"God so loved that he gave"; the proof of love is service.

Love of sinners is the sign of a saint.

April 7.—Dead to Sin, Alive to Christ. Eph. 2:1-10.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

They alone are of high birth who are born from above.

We are incomplete until we are in Christ.

We died of ourself, but we are made alive of Christ.

The new life is made manifest by new living.

The new life is not of man's merit, but of God's mercy.

They are dead who live in sin.

The saved by grace should live graciously.

The old, great love gives the new, great life.

The Christian is heir to a double resurrection.

They who are made alive by Christ should live for Christ.

April 14.—Foundations. Matt. 7:24-27. Suggested sub-topic: Church Loyalty a Foundation of Christian Endeavor. Eph. 4:1-6.

TOPIC THOUGHTS.

Height is limited by depth. Foundations must be strong before the superstructure can be high.

A shanty needs no foundations, while those of a castle must be deep and strong. So with a life.

In the time of testing everything de-

pends on foundations.

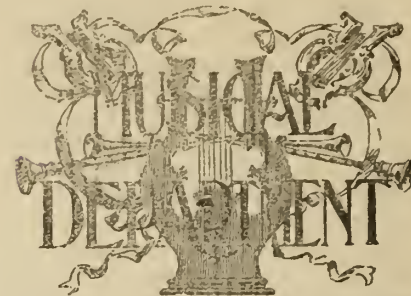
Friends are life foundations.

Manhood builds on the foundations laid in childhood.

The life founded on truth in principle and in practice can never be overthrown.

Foundation stone is more important than decoration stone.

Great lives are impossible without great foundations.



Conducted by Mr. George Whipple Steele

Questions on musical subjects of general interest will be answered in this department.

"To the multitude a great artist is always, more or less, an object of envy. With a strange ignorance of the truth, it is popularly believed that fortune smiled upon him from the very first; that fairy godmothers hovered over his cradle, showering their gifts upon him; that his years of preparation were years of leisure and pleasure; that he lived in an atmosphere of sweet flattery and adulation; that he enjoys all the blessings of fame and wealth; that his life is one of self-gratification,—in fact, that he passes his existence in a world from which all toil and care are banished, feeding on milk and honey, and dreaming on a bed of roses.

There can be no greater mistake. Success in art is as difficult of attainment as it is in ordinary walks of life. The path to artistic glory is as beset with obstacles as the road to material triumph. In either case, the summit is reached only by strenuous efforts by perseverance and courage and by a strict adherence to principle.

In the case of the aspirant to artistic honors, it matters little how the ascent begins, for the test comes further on. The difficulties of the first step may be increased by the handicap of humble birth, by the shackles of a degraded environment, by material conditions antagonistic to the indispensable refinement of mind and body; or they may be decreased by the advantages of education, good breeding, wealth, and the encouragement and support of parents or patrons. But, beyond that, comes the period of individual effort unaided.

Nature, with all its generosity, can only endow with embryo talent. Man must do the rest. Great singers, great pianists, great painters, are, after all, self-made. They are the product of years of study, incessant, arduous study, self-control, self-abnegation, hourly sacrifices, of nerve with which to meet disappointment, and of courage with which to try again. And, when this period of preparation has passed and that of achievement begins, the same virtues must be practiced constantly; for, if art is a jealous mistress, Euterpe demands absolute fidelity and brooks no rivals."—Success.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Mr. H——, Hartford.

The following extract, by Dr. Parry, gives the required information:

"Chorale (Ger. Choral, and Corale,) a sacred choral song (cantus choralis) which may almost be said to belong exclusively to the reformed church of Germany, in which it originated. Luther introduced a popular element into worship by writing hymns in the vernacular and wedding them to rhythmic music, which should appeal to the people in a new and more lively sense than the old-fashioned unrhythmic church music. The effect was as great (with all due respect to the different quality of the lever) as the Marseillaise in France or Lillibullero in England, or Auber's Masaniello and the Brabanconne in Brussels; for it cannot be doubted that no insignificant share in the rapid spread of the new ideas was owing to these inspiring and vigorous hymns, which seemed to burst from the hearts of the enthusiastic and earnest men of whom Luther was the chief. The movement passed rapidly over Germany, and produced in a short time a literature of sacred hymns and tunes which cannot be surpassed for dignity and simple devotional earnestness. Luther and his friend Walter brought out a collection at Erfurt in 1524, which was called the 'Enchiridion,' or hand-book. Though not absolutely the first, it was the most important early collection, and had a preface by Luther himself. A great number of collections appeared about the same time in various parts of Germany, and continued to appear until the latter part of the 17th century, when, from political as well as religious circumstances, the stream of production became sluggish, and then shortly stopped altogether."

CONCERNING HANDEL.

"While in Chester, on his way to Ireland, Handel was detained by contrary winds. Wishing to employ this delay in trying his new music he sought for some one who could read music at sight. A house painter named Janson was pointed out as the best the town afforded. Poor Janson made such a bungle of it, that the composer, purple with rage, cried out, 'You schountrel! tit you not tell me dat you could sing at soite?' 'Yes, sir,' replied the astonished Janson, 'but not at first sight.' Upon this Handel burst out laughing, and the rehearsal proceeded no further."

"When Handel's 'Messiah' was first performed, the audience was much affected by the music; but when the chorus struck up, 'For the Lord God omnipotent,' in the Alleluia, they were so transported, that they all, even the king, who was present, started up and remained till the chorus ended."

"The 'Messiah' alone brought into the funds of the Foundling hospital, London, no less than \$29,455."

One evening Mr. Fountayne and Handel were walking together in Marblebone gardens, while the orchestra was playing. "Come, Mr. Fountayne," said Handel, "let us sit down and listen to this piece. I want to know your opinion of it." They sat down, and after a while, Mr. Fountayne, turning

to his companion, said, "It is not worth listening to; it's very poor stuff." "You are right," said Handel quietly. "I thought so myself when I had finished it."

When a diploma of a doctor of music was offered to Handel, he refused it. On being asked why he did not take his degree, he replied, "Vat de dyfil I trow my money away for dat wicch the blockhead wish? I no want."

NOTES.

Since the last number of the Review there has been much good church music given by various choirs.

Mr. Loveland at the Farmington Avenue Congregational church is deserving of mention in this line.

Mr. Lord at the Asylum Hill Congregational church has also been active in bringing out something new for Hartford people.

The works presented at the Farmington Avenue church and at the Hill church should be given again at an early date. One hearing is not enough for such music. Both will be better appreciated if an opportunity is given to hear them a second time. It is a great undertaking to prepare such programs, and the people who have made a hearing possible will confer a favor if they will repeat these works.

Mr. Camp at the Park church has given interesting programs at the so-called vesper service.

Mr. Benedict at the Fourth Congregational church brought out an anthem by Spohr.

Changes have been made in the North Congregational church choir. Mr. Phelps remains as conductor and organist.



Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

With the desire of reaching a larger number of men the Religious Work Committee have secured the Hartford Opera House until May 1st for a series of Sunday afternoon meetings for men only. During the Sundays of March, Rev. John M. Dick, B.D., of Boston, has been engaged to address the meetings. The first of these services on the 10th of March was attended by over 1,000 men.

During the Sundays of April, the meetings will be addressed by Rev. Dr. McCullagh of Worcester, Rev. Dr. Mead of New York City, Rev. Dr. Wil-

son of Danbury, and other well known pulpit orators.

The 31st annual State Convention of Connecticut was held at Waterbury March 7th to 10th, and in the opinion of such men as Prof. Sanders of Yale, State Secretary Bates, and others of long experience in state work, it was one of the strongest conventions in the history of the Connecticut Association. The delegations were not as large as in former years but the spirit of earnestness, and the deep spiritual tone of the papers and addresses marked the convention as out of the ordinary. The supreme need of the Associations was pointed out to be the need of a more direct religious work, and great stress was laid upon the need of developing the religious work by Bible Study and Evangelistic effort. The Boys' work was emphasized as the next important thing, and Mr. E. M. Robinson of the International Committee made an interesting address on this subject.

The Saturday night popular evening gatherings are proving very enjoyable to a large number of young men who come to the building to attend the entertainments. Last Saturday evening the Copley Square Trio of Boston entertained with musical selections on the bells, violin, piano, and with vocal solos.

A special effort is being made for the boys under the leadership of Mr. Dick. On Monday, March 18th., his address will be on "The Light-House Keeper;" Tuesday, "The Shipwreck;" Wednesday, "Chemical Talk;" Thursday, "A Leap for Life," and Friday, "Fighting a Serpent." These talks will be illustrated by beautiful pictures each day, and will begin at 4 p. m. They are free for boys from 11 to 17 years of age, and all are invited to attend.

The Association Anniversary will be observed on May 12th, when a number of the most prominent Association men of New England will be here to speak in the various churches of the city in the morning. Pulpits are very generously being placed at our disposal by the pastors of the city, and we hope to have a splendid day. In the afternoon of May 12th, there will be a mass meeting for men only in the Hartford Opera House, addressed by Major Hilton of New York.

SHELTER FOR WOMEN.

We have had much to encourage us in our work. A number of young girls have been placed in our care and we are very much interested in them. We receive letters almost daily from different ones who were formerly members of our family.

Mrs. Dr. Ferry has assisted in our Friday morning service, Mr. Jennison and Mr. Jones in our Sunday afternoon services. These meetings are increasing in interest.

The girls have been employed in repairing clothing for the "Bureau," making aprons and doing the general work of the home.

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THE RESPONSE FROM THE PEWS.

By Rev. David Dana Marsh.

Preachers are drawing with all their might. With many of them it is "draw or leave." The church was founded on the giving plan, there was grace for the guilty, and help for the needy. But under modern civilization many churches are run on the suction principle. They want "the people"; they want institutional success; they want supporters; they want "pillars"; they want a tremendous lot of them, and a tremendous lot of churches want the same thing. But, in the conceit of human nature, it has never occurred to the average congregation that the pews should do a part of the drawing, that, if they lived up to the demands they put upon their preachers, churches would not need "drawing" preachers any more than a free lunch needs an auctioneer.

Letting the panting preachers rest for awhile, it may be opportune to ask the pews what are the present-day qualities of a drawing church.

The present day asks of the pews an eloquent hearing of the gospel message. Preaching is a double act, it requires a silver tongue and rapt attention. There is eloquent hearing as well as eloquent preaching. An appreciative listener is the preacher's inspiration. The reason why the minister is "dull" is often because he has dull hearers. There must be two sets of action for the accomplishment of that Divine art called "eloquence." The lighted face, the keen attention, the changing hues flashing in the eyes, the soul all afire with the subject, these silent forces in the hearer are the very vitals of effective preaching. The audience is simply a harp for the preacher to play upon—what if half the strings are out of tune or broken! A discerning preacher, when he sets out, looks around to discover his "audience"—that is, the receptive and responsive souls present. He beholds the statues who are in their accustomed places; those dazed in far-away dreams, wearing the expression of statuesque idiocy; those who are enjoying an intellectual nap with open eyes; those preoccupied with idols left behind; those in the clutch of prejudice; he passes these all by at the outset as no part of his real "audience," and searches out the lighted souls who plainly indicate that they are all ready for the business in hand; and, as one after another of the above "absentees" put a light in their window, he comes to them with his message, and rejoices in spirit. Preaching is a most delicate art, a most skilful play on the deeper motives and the finer sensibilities of the soul.

It is oftentimes a dead-lift of the dead; for the preacher must first arouse the jaded senses of those who seem to have fallen into a holy catalepsy, and then he must create a relish for the very thing he has to present. He must give novelty to that which is time-worn; he must make that which is naturally distasteful seem attractive; he must make surgery interesting to its subject! And in many respects preaching has become increasingly difficult at the present day. The critic, reasonable and otherwise, and of all sizes, flourishes in the land, and when he hears a sermon he is twice as likely to unravel it as he is to get himself converted. In this progressive age

the same adjective ("smart") serves for the preacher of the gospel and a mustard plaster, and a rising generation is growing up on what is called "candidating"—a prostitution of the pulpit on the people's part to the methods of the race course, and a demoralizing culture of personal conceit on the preacher's part. The pews must "respond"; they must play their part; they must have teachable, arousable souls; or else preaching is a burlesque, and is hopeless as sweeping against the wind. And any preacher who asks such "eloquent" hearing for his own personal hobbies and fancies, instead of the real message of God, deserves to be sent on a mission to a congregation of stone statues.

The present day asks of the pews an example of Christian living which confirms the preacher's message.

The miracle of the twentieth century is a consistent life, the strongest present-day argument for Christianity. Christ deemed His disciples "the light of the world." Business men note their dealings, gossips put the magnifying glass on their conduct. The secret spring of disbelief and of the sneer at the church is the real or fancied meanness of some member. The pews must confirm the truths preached in the pulpit, or else this practical age will have little respect for the message. Whitfield said that he would rather have a church with ten men in it right with God, than one with 500 at whom the world laughs in its sleeve.

The pews furnish samples of the work of the gospel, and, if their lives point like the spire of the church toward Heaven, the world can not withstand the argument.

The present day asks of its pews a loyal recognition of the pastor's leadership. He is both a teacher and a shepherd of the flock. He should have the oversight, lay plans, suggest policies; and, if he is not capable of doing this wisely, then a leader should be found who is capable of it.

Many of our churches are suffering from the dry rot of "the vote of the majority," which turns them into venerable museums of the past, or gives them over to the jangles of parties. They need the touch of a shepherd's hand, the counsels of a leader, without which they are merely religious mobs—all the more dangerous because of conscientiousness. What victorious regiment would think of dispensing with a commanding officer. As a matter of fact the "great and successful" churches are under marked leadership.

Given a pastor who is clearheaded, has good sense and much grace, is dexterous and tactful, and is not (as Artemas Ward said of Napoleon) "a man who tries to do too much—and does it," and he will bear being given the reins.

The present day asks the pews to assume responsibility for "the success of the enterprise." Every local church is an "enterprise" which has financial, and social, and geographical factors to face in the great competitions of life.

Many communities are overloaded with churches which stand as monuments of some ancient faction or misdirected zeal. A large proportion of the churches are today facing the problem "to sink or to swim" in some form or other.

As in the industrial world, "the fat kine are eating up the lean kine." It is pitiful to see some old and once

prosperous church drop out of the race! The discerning ones are now flying under cover of an endowment. With some churches the problem is a yearly scramble for solvency; with some the maintenance of social position; with some to compete with a rival near-by; with some to keep on growing in unconscious senility; with some to keep up the din for that often-mentioned species called "the people."

There is a deal of human nature in church management, and the strain in these religious enterprises increases in this competitive age. The real aim is too often to find some pastor who has the God-given knack of winning the race. Now, with all this current of fluctuating elements coursing around church enterprises, some as irresistible as fate, is it not simply cruel to hold the pastor responsible for the "success" of the enterprise? It is this responsibility which saps the blood and nerves of the pastor, and it is cowardly for a congregation to roll it so entirely upon his heart. To stand back and say to the pastor with all pious verbiage of "call" and "settlement" torn aside, "we expect you to make the thing hum," is simply absurd. Any decent partnership expects to share the responsibility of the success of the enterprise.

In the foregoing reflections I have been prompted by the desire that the great responsibilities of the church should be more justly evened up. It is good sometimes to get an inside look with an outside eye—"O wad some power the giftie gie us, To see ourselves as ithers see us."

We seem to be now passing through a transition period which lays unjust burdens on the pastor, but time and sense will surely correct all these disparities.

O, there are so many "present day demands" on both the pulpit and the pews! I have seen one ideal pastor, and while my surprised eyes were fastened upon Him, and I hastened to make a tabernacle for Him, He vanished out of my sight. I am still looking for an ideal response from the pews.

Yet, after serving one church twenty years, and another eleven years, and now beginning with a third, I can say in the sweetest and most kindly spirit that, though the "responses" have not been perfect on either side, in the words of a certain book title "Happy Though Married," I have been happy though in the ministry.

(We reprint Mr. Marsh's article from our February issue correcting typographical errors that appeared in that issue.—Ed.)

Drunkenness is not only the cause of crime, but it is crime; if any encourage drunkenness for the sake of the profit derived from the sale of drink, they are guilty of a form of moral assassination as criminal as any that has ever been practised.—Ruskin.

Just two years after Browning died, a roomful of his friends were startled by hearing his voice from a phonograph, reciting one of his poems. Science, in this marvellous instrument, is only hinting at the great, old truth, "He being dead yet speaketh."



WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will hold its annual free-will offering meeting Tuesday afternoon, March 19, at 3 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. building. There will be an address by the president, Mrs. Forbes. All members and friends are cordially welcome. Of the offering contributed, one-third goes to the state union, one-third to the county union, and one-third to the local union.

A VICTORY FOR SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE.

The annual meeting of the Department of Superintendence of the National Educational Association convened in Chicago February 26. At the meeting of the department last year, after a heated discussion, the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That the chair appoint a committee of seven, whose duty it shall be to report upon the teaching of physiology in the schools, especially with regard to the condition and progress of scientific inquiry as to the action of alcohol upon the human system, and to recommend what action, if any, by this department, is justified by the results of these inquiries."

The report of this committee, presented on February 28, by the chairman, Mr. Albert G. Lane of Chicago, was a great triumph for scientific temperance instruction in the public schools. Mrs. Mary H. Hunt, national superintendent of this department of W. C. T. U. work, was present, and speaks of it to the white-ribbon sisterhood as follows:

"We have just witnessed the fruit of your work in disbursing through the educational ranks the truth the National Scientific Temperance Instruction Department has sent out during the past twelve months. The same body of men who last year cheered to the echo Professor Atwater's 'Alcohol a Food' theory, by a unanimous vote adopted the report of the committee, which is as follows:

"We agree cordially with the special advocates of temperance that both physiology and hygiene should be so taught as to leave in the minds of the children and youth an adequate knowledge of the effects of alcoholic drinks and narcotics upon the human system, and that the question of the supposed food value of alcohol is a technical one for medical experts and not one which needs to concern the men and women who are engaged in the public instruction of children and youth. (Applause.) For them, it is enough to know that its use as a beverage is injurious and that all authorities agree in deprecating the formation of the drinking habit and in commending all practical efforts, through public instruction, to promote the cause of temperance. The ques-

tions of highest importance for teachers and superintendents of schools to consider are those which relate to the methods by which temperance instruction shall be imparted.

"We therefore recommend that a body of educational doctrine be formulated which may guide temperance instruction in the schools throughout the country.

"We also recommend that investigation to that end be conducted under the direction of the National Council of Education in accordance with the regulations of the National Association."

The battle for truth has lost nothing in this controversy thus far, but the opposition is not dead; it is changing base to so-called "pedagogical lines in objecting to this study in the lower grades." More truth must go to our teachers, and again truth will win.—Union Signal.

WOMAN'S WORK NOTES.

During its 60 years Mt. Holyoke Seminary (now college) has sent 187 of its graduates to mission fields in foreign lands, and Oberlin has sent 123. Truly, a magnificent record.

It isn't conducive to national pride to know that in regard to civil service regulations we stand on a level with states like Morocco, rather than with the great nations of the earth. But the heaven is working, and the spoils system must go. The Massachusetts Federation of Women's clubs has joined the other forces working for civil service reform, and when the women determine to have a house-cleaning, the dust begins to fly.

More than one-half of the 112 girls in the orphanage at Rakha, India, have been taken in during the past two years, writes Mrs. Forman. Many of them will never recover from the effects of the months of slow starvation during the famine. One little girl was rescued who had been thrown away by her father and mother.

Scolding should be compelled to perish from the earth. The tongue, the voice, the eye, the face—all should be trained not to scold; yes, and the pen, for of all things a scolding pen is the worst. And the habit once formed with the pen is apt never to be entirely shaken off.—Ada C. Sweet in the February Woman's Home Companion.

For every thousand members at home, the Presbyterian churches, North, have thirty-seven members on mission fields, the United Presbyterians have sixty-five, the Congregationalists have eighty. So says a missionary magazine.

Christian Endeavor is now on the rock of Gibraltar. A letter from Archdeacon Govett, of the Gibraltar Cathedral, announces the organization of a Christian Endeavor society of 54 members.

Mr. E. Conomie: "Did you write to that man who advertises to show people how to make puddings without milk, and have them richer?"

Mrs. E. Conomic: "Yes, and sent him a shilling."

"What did he reply?"

"Use cream."



PROTECTION OF THE CHILD'S EYES.

Nowhere is the comparison between an ounce of prevention and a pound of cure more applicable than in the care of the eyes; for the neglect of seemingly trivial affections, perfectly curable in their beginnings, may lead in an incredibly short time to permanent impairment of vision, or even to total blindness.

The care of the eyes should begin with the moment of birth. The new baby's eyes should be the first part to receive attention. They should be wiped carefully with a piece of absorbent cotton wet with a warm solution of boric acid, of a strength of about 60 grains in four ounces of distilled water. After the lids have been thus carefully washed on the outside, they should be gently separated and some of the solution dropped into the eyes.

In washing the eyes one should be careful never to dip again in the solution a piece of cotton which has once been used; a fresh piece must be taken each time the eyes are wiped.

The baby's eyes must be protected from the light; its crib must be placed where the eyes are not exposed to the full light from a window, and the carriage should have a shade raised only about a foot above the baby's head.

Children often suffer from inflammation of the edges of the lids, which are red and scaly, and the lashes fall out and break off. This may betoken a general scrofulous condition, or it may depend upon some defect in the sight which causes eye-strain, or it may be only a local trouble. If it is only a local trouble a few applications of boric acid ointment at bedtime will generally effect a cure.

Conjunctivitis, or inflammation of the membrane covering the globe of the eye, may be due to a cold, to the action of bright sunlight or reflection from water or from snow, or to eye-strain, from some visual imperfection. Usually the boric acid solution will give relief here, even when the trouble cannot be permanently cured until proper glasses are worn.

Another painful consequence of eye-strain is a succession of sties. When a child suffers frequently from sties, from sore lids, or from conjunctivitis, the sight should be tested.

Much harm is often done to the eyes, as well as to the general health, by too long application to books, either school or story books. Three hours of looking at print by daylight, and one hour in the evening, should not be exceeded by any child under 14, for that is as much as his eyes, even if their vision is perfectly normal, will stand without injury.—The Youth's Companion.

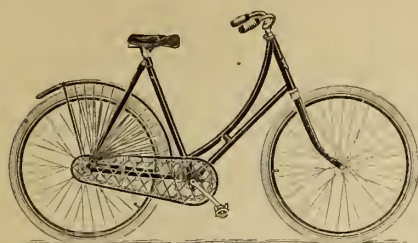
"How far is it to the next village?" asked a traveler of a boy.

"Only just a little way."

"Is it four, six, eight or ten miles?" impatiently asked the stranger.

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The latest development not only corroborates this, but the richness of the ore, increasing with depth, bears testimony to the conditions apparent in all mines in this section of Arizona viz.: that with depth the richest ore is found, where veins from the first are as well pronounced as in the Anti-Cleveland lode.

In addition to this, while the Company has abundance of water at the mill and near the mine, the mine itself is free from it, thus saving expense of pumping and pumping machinery.

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It is therefore to their own interest and profit to make the stock productive.

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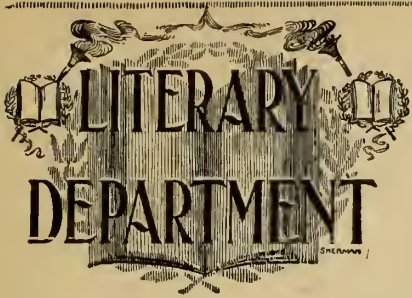
As a guarantee of the above, and to bind them to work successfully, as well as to furnish more capital should the amount now raised not be enough, 400,000 shares have been deposited with a Trustee, to remain in his hands until the mine is on a dividend-paying basis. The deeds and all the other important papers are in the hands of a Trustee in Hartford (and herein lies the difference between this and other mining enterprises).

No. 89 William St.,
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Received this day of Edw. A. Meysenburg, President, Guadalupe Mining and Milling Company, for safe keeping and in trust for the company and its stockholders, as follows:

- A. For safe keeping.
1. Articles of Incorporation, with letter of Attorney General of Arizona authorizing the transaction of business.
2. By-laws of the Company.
3. Deeds to mine.
4. Deed to Mill and Mill site.
5. Plat of properties.
6. Letter of Mining Engineer and Metallurgist, Jno. C. F. Randolph of New York, endorsing Mr. Geo. U. Ingersoll, the Company's engineer at the Mine.
- B. In trust for stockholders:
7. Deposit of 100,000 shares of full-paid stock, as guarantee of good faith and of sufficiency of funds to be held until two dividends have been paid to stockholders out of Net earnings.
8. Agreement that no salaries shall be paid to any person not actually employed by the Company in producing results, and that until a dividend out of Net earnings has been paid no salary to any one officer shall exceed \$2,000 per annum.

(Signed) H. M. Andrews.



The kind of people who come to this country to be made into citizens are described in the March Scribner's by Arthur Henry in an article giving his observations of the landing and inspection at New York.

The March Modern Culture opens with a charmingly written and beautifully illustrated article on the "Social and Domestic Life of the Modern Greek," by B. F. Fisher.

Theodore Roosevelt, vice-president of the United States, contributes to McClure's Magazine for March an article entitled "Reform Through Social Work."

Fiction readers will turn first in the March Century to the opening pages of a new story by Irving Bacheller, author of the record-breaking "Eben Holden." The title is "D'ri and I." The general theme is American border life at the time of the war of 1812, and the leading characters are Colonel Raymon Bell, U. S. A., a Southerner, and Darius, a typical Yankee.

The World's Work for March touches every continent, has something new to say on practically every general topic of interest, sketches the men who are doing some of the great things, in fact retails everything that the world has done well during the past month. The list of contents is too long to be entirely detailed, but one of the most important articles is a strikingly fine story of the work of old St. George's parish, New York, by Mr. Jacob Riis.

Two contributions of immediate interest in Ainslee's for March are "The Miles-Corbin Feud," by L. A. Coolidge, and "Yellow Journals," by Allen Sangree. The first of these is a remarkably frank account of the long-continued friction in the war department. The article on "Yellow Journals" tells how these papers are made, and aims to explain why they are made as they are.

Mrs. Nation's law-wrecking crusade is the occasion of some pertinent paragraphs in the March Review of Reviews on the subject of American lawlessness, the lynching evil, and official responsibility for public order. The editor takes the ground that lawlessness, at the present time in this country, is "a greater danger than drunkenness," and that "the law should be put in enforceable shape and then enforced, in spite of everything."

Princess Louise, duchess of Argyll, has sent a special message to the readers of Cassell's Little Folks, which appears in the March number. It is in connection with an appeal for a 'Little Folks' Ward' to be founded in the North-Eastern Hospital for Children.

The American Slave Trade. By John R. Spears; 232 pages, 8 vo.; New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. Price \$2.50.

The book is a comprehensive history of the slave trade in America, and gives the reader an excellent idea of the origin, rise and progress of slavery on the western continents. Specifically, the book is an effort to picture the moral and political effects of slavery on America. The methods of slave dealers are described and the full horror of the traffic made evident. It is hard to believe that anything but public ignorance allowed such crying abuses and gross crimes to go on unchecked for decades.

If the author were not so intensely in earnest his style might have been more fluent and graceful, instead, how-

florid occasionally, and in this book one has to read many chapters before the interest is aroused. Then the interest becomes intense and the story fascinating in its rapid sequence of adventures. Of course, a love story is closely woven in such a novel.

The story, being a sequel to the author's recent "A Kent Squire," has in it most of the characters of the previous tale.

The New Epoch for Faith. By George A. Gordon, D.D., 412 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price, \$1.50.

The Age of Faith. By Amory H. Bradford, D.D., 306 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price, \$1.50. These two volumes treating of the



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ever, he piles fact upon fact in too systematic a way for the casual reader and in insufficient detail for the student. The table of contents is very full and complete.

Gwynett of Thornhaugh. By Frederick W. Hayes. 442 pages, 12 mo. New York: F. M. Lupton Pub. Co. Price \$1.25.

The period during the reign of Louis XIV. and his successor, when events bring France and England very close together, has been written of by Dumas most successfully. Other very obvious imitators have failed to be successful. To Mr. Hayes's credit he is not an imitator. He has faults of style, he is

same subject have each an especial value, owing to the originality and individuality of their respective and respected authors.

These authors need no introduction. Dr. Gordon divides his study under such heads as: "Things Assumed;" "The Advent of Humanity;" "The New Application of Christianity;" "The Discipline of Doubt;" "The Return of Faith;" "The New Help from History" and "Things Expected."

In Dr. Bradford's book the following chapters are especially noteworthy: "The Basis of Optimism;" "Brotherhood;" "The Conception of God;" "Suffering and Sorrow" and "The Immortal Life."

The authors seem to agree in their belief that the whole trend of religion has been for many years toward freer and fuller faith, and that even the doubts and questionings of the day are but healthful signs of firmer faith and truer Christianity. Needless to say, there is a decided optimism in the tone of each book.

Full and well arranged indexes add greatly to the permanent value of these works.

The Individual: A Study of Life and Death. By Prof. N. S. Shaler, 351 pages, 12 mo. New York: D. Appleton & Co. Price, \$1.50.

The question, "What Comes After We Die?" is considered here in a scientific, yet thoroughly reverent spirit. The author has a world wide reputation for his researches and writings, and his conclusions herein are based on profound study of all phases of his subject.

While the results of his thinking have taken him to some degree without the bounds of strict orthodoxy, yet he is, on the whole, favorable to religion and sincere faith. He is dignified in his tone, and in his general style so clear and simple that any one can follow his argument.

The book has gone into several editions and has attracted much attention and favorable comment.

The Passing of the Dragon. By F. Jay Ceagh, 62 pages, square, 12 mo. New York: Cassell's & Co., Ltd. Price 40 cents.

This is described as a tale for grown-up children—"a shadow story about God's love, the Devil's guile and the imaginings of children." Altogether unique, it may be described either as a parable or a sermon, dreamy and quaint, but full of moral and significance. The book is issued in a strong envelope, neatly designed, with a space in which a name and address may be written when the book is designed for a gift.

The Light of the World: An Easter Story. By Herbert D. Ward. 57 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Price \$1.50.

The story of Thomas Constant, maker of fine lenses. It is a beautiful story, mystic and impressive in tone, short and yet full of power. It tells of the vision which came to the doubting lens maker, wherein he, of all mortals, saw again the resurrection of the Christ.

A more beautiful or appropriate Easter gift could not be found. The book's typography, binding and illustration is artistic and harmonious.

In the Wake of War. By Verne S. Pease. 440 pages, 12 mo. New York: George M. Hill Co. Price \$1.25.

A historical tale of the south under the iron rule of the Carpet-Bagger, immediately following the close of the Rebellion. It takes the Southern states after the capitulation of the Richmond government, and in a story of unusually fine literary quality, power and style, as well as of interest, portrays the often pathetic efforts of the returned Confederate to rebuild his devastated home. How the persistent nagging of the Carpet-Bagger galled and tortured them is told in a way that will rouse the sympathetic indignation of every chivalrous northerner, who will not wonder at the Ku Klux Klan

being organized for self-protection.

There is nothing biased or artificial to this story. It is clean cut and rings with authenticity. The love story running through the book is a charming and beautiful one.

Among the Berbers of Algeria. By Anthony Wilkin. 263 pages, crown 8 vo. New York: Cassell & Co. Price \$4.00.

A more artistic and attractive volume, from every standpoint, has seldom been offered the general reader. The book is described by the publishers as "the record of the wanderings of two Anthropologists among the two greater Berber tribes of modern Algeria—the Chawai and Kabyles." The book is far from being technical, and yet it is filled with pictures of rare vividness of much that will prove as highly suggestive to the student as it is of interest to the casual reader. It is a most brilliant and fascinating story of strange experiences and adventures.



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The habits and occupations of these strange peoples are picturesque to a degree. To many, the thought of the full meaning of missionary progress will come as the book is being read.

The author and his companion obtained many photographs of the scenes and people encountered. They proved to be of unusual excellence, clear and well defined, as well as unique.

Constructive Studies in the Life of Christ. By Ernest D. Burton and Shailer Mathews. 300 pages, 8 vo. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press. Price \$1.50.

This is a compendious commentary on the Gospels, being written in an interpretative and historical manner. In order to properly carry out the idea of the book, which is a thorough historical study of the life of Jesus, special consideration is given to the most important social and political features of the times.

The book as written is undenominational and its information is drawn from accurate and unbiased sources. It is excellently suited for use in Bible clubs and advanced Bible classes.

A Book of Verses. By Nixon Waterman. 226 pages, 12 mo. Boston: Forbes & Co. Price \$1.25.

"Verses" is what the author's frankness and modesty led him to call the

contents of this book. It is pleasing therefore to pick out from these "verses" of varying degrees of merit, some which are of really high poetical order in their metre, rhythm, sentiment and expression. "The Prairie Fire" is an instance. "The Perfect Day" is a fine poem also. A bit of ironical facetiae of distinct cleverness is "The Worshippers."

The publishers inform us that the book's large sale has necessitated a third edition.

The Romance of Gilbert Holmes. By Marshall Monroe Kirkman. 425 pages, 12 mo. Chicago: The World Railway Publishing Co. Price \$1.50.

A beautifully written book, charming enough with its calm dignified style, and words chosen and placed with a delicate regard for euphony and impressiveness.

Gilbert Holmes is an admirable character and as he recounts the adventures and experiences of his life not a trace of egotism marks his recital. His coming in contact with such men as Lincoln and Douglas gives an unusual degree of historical interest to this book. Many and strange were the adventures of Holmes and none of them fail to bring out nobility of character and real manliness.

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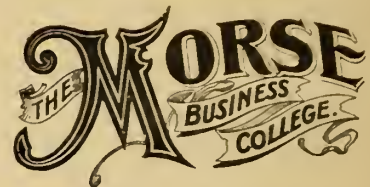
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